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BERRIEN COUNTY

Former inmate to collect \$1.5M

Settlement reached
in lawsuit filed by Niles
man who claimed
ear infection was
improperly treated in
Berrien County jail

By SCOTT AIKEN
HP Staff Writer

GRAND RAPIDS — A
settlement has been reached
in a federal lawsuit filed on

behalf of a Niles man who
claimed he suffered perman-
ent brain damage as the
result of improper treat-
ment for an ear infection
while he was an inmate in
the Berrien County jail in
2007.

The settlement in U.S.
District Court, with a cur-
rent value of \$1,515,000,
will provide money for the
care of 24-year-old Lydell
Burt, who is employed but
legally incapacitated.

The agreement settled

claims against Berrien
County, Sheriff Paul Bailey,
sheriff's Lt. Corey Burks
and two doctors who were
under contract to care for
prisoners at the time Burt
was in jail.

Four nurses who worked
in the jail medical services
office at the time, Mark
Hauelsen, Patricia Brown,
Charlene Yost and Robin
Rudlaff, were dismissed
from the suit.

Donna Howard, corpo-
rate counsel for the county,

said the settlement, which
includes cash payments and
purchase of an annuity for
Burt, brings resolution to
years of litigation.

"I think it's the best re-
sults that all the parties col-
lectively could have gotten,
short of going to trial," she
said.

Payments for the settle-
ment are covered by insur-
ance. The defendants have
adamantly denied Burt's
claims and do not admit
wrongdoing in settling the

case.

Bailey said nurses in the
jail followed doctors in-
structions in treating Burt,
who complained of an ear-
ache after being sentenced
to serve 35 days in October
2007. He was 17 at the time
and jailed for violating a
judge's home detention re-
striction imposed as part of
a sentence for receiving sto-
len property.

"It's one of those unfor-
tunate things that his ear
infection got worse," Bailey

said. "We were doing every-
thing we could to help the
young man. He had chronic
infections of the ear since
he was a baby."

Burt had served 22 days
when a judge suspended the
rest of the sentence to en-
able him to undergo tests at
Lakeland hospital in St. Jo-
seph.

In severe pain and barely
able to walk, Burt was given
a CAT scan at the hospital

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Panel calls for blood pressure screening to stop 'silent killer'

By KAREN KAPLAN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Health authorities in
the U.S. are taking fresh
aim at a "silent killer" with
a recommendation that all
American adults be
screened for high blood
pressure.

People should be
screened once a year if
they are at least 40 years
old, if they are overweight
or obese, if they are Afri-
can-American, or if their
blood pressure is in the
"high normal" range, ac-
cording to a draft recom-
mendation released Mon-
day by the U.S. Preventive
Services Task Force. Ad-
ults ages 18 to 39 who
have no risk factors for
high blood pressure should
be screened once every
three to five years, the
panel said.

In one of the studies
cited by the task force, se-
nior citizens in Ontario,
Canada, who were ran-
domly assigned to have
their blood pressure
screened by a pharmacy
were less likely than their
unscreened counterparts
to wind up in a hospital
for treatment of a cardio-
vascular condition. For
every 1,000 people who

were screened, there were
three fewer hospital ad-
missions, researchers
found.

An estimated 67 million
people in the U.S. have
high blood pressure - that's
about 1 out of every 3
adults. But only 47 percent
of them are controlling
their blood pressure with
medication, according to
the Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention.

High blood pressure, or
hypertension, is much
more prevalent in African-
Americans (42.1 percent)
than in whites (28 per-
cent), Latinos (26 percent)
or Asian Americans (24.7
percent). People with the
condition are at increased
risk of suffering a heart
attack or stroke, both
leading causes of death in
the U.S. They are also
more vulnerable to kidney
and heart failure. The task
force said hypertension
caused or contributed to
the deaths of at least
362,000 Americans in
2010.

But many people with
high blood pressure aren't
even aware that they have
it. In most cases, there are
no symptoms, though in

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BERRIEN COUNTY



HP file photo

Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski takes bids on tax-reverted properties at an auction several years ago at the DANK hall on
Pipestone Road. Tax foreclosures have been an ongoing issue in the county since the start of the Great Recession in 2008.

Tax payment message received

County treasurer
thrilled with
response after
sounding warning
about foreclosures

By LOUISE WREGG
HP Staff Writer

Berrien County Treasurer
Bret Witkowski said the re-
sponse has been overwhelm-
ing since a story ran in The

Herald-Palladium that peo-
ple behind on their property
taxes can set up payment
plans.

He said about 100 people
from all over the county
have set up some type of
payment plan with his of-
fice since the story ran Dec.
4.

"After that story, it be-
came real clear to me that
we've got to do a better job
of getting the word out," he
said. "I thought people
know, but apparently they

don't."

Witkowski gave a report
to the Benton Harbor Per-
sonnel and Finance Com-
mittee Dec. 3 on the high
number of property fore-
closures his office has dealt
with since the 2008 reces-
sion. He said the county
had 88 foreclosures in 2004,
compared to 328 in 2014.

"I've had older men cry-
ing in here," he said. "I had
a lady shaking. And after I
said, 'We'll work with you,'
she broke down in tears."

Anyone who would like
to talk to Witkowski about
paying their property taxes
can call him at 982-8645.

One woman said she was
grateful that Witkowski set
up payments for her aunt so
she can stay in her house.

"It was a Christmas gift
to my entire family," she
said.

Witkowski said he talked
to a man Monday who said
he just had heart surgery

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John Matuszak / HP staff

Mike Daigle, back left, executive director of South Bend International Airport, and his son, Mike,
deliver more than 200 teddy bears to staff at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, on Monday.
This is the third year the airport has collected the toys for hospitalized children, and the first year
for Lakeland's inclusion.

Grin and bear it

South Bend airport donates teddy bears to Lakeland

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Kids and
their families who come to
Lakeland Medical Center,
St. Joseph will receive a spe-
cial gift to help them bear a
difficult experience, thanks
to a South Bend charity.

"It's great for the kids and
it's great for the moms and
dads. They know that the
hospital staff cares. This
lets them know that some-
body else cares," said Mike
Daigle, executive director
of South Bend Internation-

al Airport. On Monday
Daigle dropped off more
than 200 teddy bears from
their Bears in the Air pro-
gram to the St. Joseph hos-
pital.

This is the third year the
airport has collected new
bears and cash donations
for children who are hospi-
talized, and it is the first
year that Lakeland has been
included.

In all, visitors to the air-
port donated enough for
1,021 teddy bears at its
"Bear Den."

Cash donations also went

to the Robert L. Miller Sr.
Veterans Center. Daigle
brought candy bars em-
bossed with the airport's
logo for Lakeland's staff.

Debbie Lull, Lakeland's
executive director of clin-
ical care services, said she
was "just in awe" of such
generosity coming from
outside Lakeland Health-
Care's community.

Children in the hospital's
pediatric unit Monday were
in isolation and couldn't
come down to get their

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un waves to spectators and participants of a mass military parade in Pyongyang in 2013.

N. Korea threatens strikes on U.S. amid hacking claims

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — President Barack Obama is “recklessly” spreading rumors of a Pyongyang-orchestrated cyberattack of Sony Pictures, North Korea says, as it warns of strikes against the White House, Pentagon and “the whole U.S. mainland, that cesspool of terrorism.”

Such rhetoric is routine from North Korea’s massive propaganda machine during times of high tension with Washington.

But a long statement from the powerful National Defense Commission late Sunday also underscores Pyongyang’s sensitivity at a movie whose plot focuses on the assassination of its leader Kim Jong

Un, who is the beneficiary of a decades-long cult of personality built around his family dynasty.

The U.S. blames North Korea for the cyberattack that escalated to threats of terror attacks against U.S. movie theaters and caused Sony to cancel “The Interview’s” release.

Obama, who promised to respond “proportionately” to the attack, told CNN’s “State of the Union” in an interview broadcast Sunday that Washington is reviewing whether to put North Korea back on its list of state sponsors of terrorism.

The National Defense Commission, led by Kim, warned that its 1.2 million-member army is ready to use all types of warfare against the U.S.

“Our toughest counteraction will be boldly taken against the White House, the Pentagon and the whole U.S. mainland, the cesspool of terrorism, by far surpassing the ‘symmetric counteraction’ declared by Obama,” said the commission’s Policy Department in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

North Korea has said it knows how to prove it had nothing to do with the hacking and proposed a joint investigation with the U.S.

North Korea and the U.S., which fought each other in the 1950-53 Korean War, remain technically in a state of war because the conflict ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QD-QH-JS-4H-7S
Midday Daily 3
8-7-1
Midday Daily 4
5-8-2-6
Daily 3
7-2-3
Daily 4
4-7-4-7
Fantasy 5
04-11-30-32-37
Keno
04-05-07-12-13-16-18-19-20-23-24-36-42-48-52-53-55-57-64-67-68-74
Mega Millions jackpot
\$142 million
Powerball jackpot
\$100 million
Indiana
Daily Three-Midday
5-7-4
Daily Four-Midday
0-9-2-0

Quick Draw Midday

03-07-10-15-24-29-30-32-33-38-39-53-58-64-66-73-75-76-78-80

Illinois

Hit or Miss Midday
01-05-08-09-10-13-16-17-18-20-21-22, GLN : 2
Hit or Miss Morning
02-03-08-10-11-12-13-14-16-22-23-24, GLN : 3
Lucky Day Lotto Midday
01-09-18-22-24
Pick Three-Midday
1-2-4, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
2-3-7-9, Fireball: 0

Sunday evening drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
12-16-23-25-31
Poker Lotto
6C-7C-6H-10H-10S
Daily Three-Evening
8-5-5

Daily Four-Evening

0-0-5-3
Quick Draw Evening
04-17-21-23-29-30-31-37-38-42-45-47-56-58-62-67-69-73-74-76

Illinois

Hit or Miss Drive
02-04-05-06-08-10-14-17-19-21-23-24, GLN : 2
Hit or Miss Evening
01-08-09-11-13-14-16-17-19-21-22-24, GLN : 3
Hit or Miss Midday
01-04-05-06-07-08-11-12-17-19-20-24, GLN : 4
Pick Three-Evening
9-1-1, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Evening
3-8-7-3, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
05-07-28-40-45

— The Associated Press

Pope criticizes Vatican bureaucrats

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — To the Catholic Church’s “seven deadly sins,” Pope Francis has added the “15 ailments of the Curia.”

Francis issued a blistering indictment of the Vatican bureaucracy Monday, accusing the cardinals, bishops and priests who serve him of using their Vatican careers to grab power and wealth, of living “hypocritical” double lives and forgetting that they’re supposed to be joyful men of God.

Francis turned the traditional, genteel exchange of Christmas greetings into a public dressing down of the Curia, the central administration of the Holy See which governs the 1.2-billion strong Catholic Church. He made clear that his plans for a radical reform of the structures of church power must be accompanied by an even more radical spiritual reform of the men involved.

Ticking off 15 “ailments of the Curia” one by one, Francis urged the prelates sitting stone-faced before him in the marbled Sala Clementina to use the Christmas season to repent and atone and make the church a healthier, holier place in 2015.

Vatican watchers said they had never heard such a powerful, violent speech from a pope and suggested that it was informed by the results of a secret investigation ordered up by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI in the aftermath of the 2012 leaks of his papers.

Benedict tasked three trusted cardinals to probe deep into the Vatican’s backstabbing culture to root out what would have prompted a papal butler to steal incriminating documents and leak them to a journalist. Their report is known only to the two popes.

Francis had some zingers: How the “terrorism of gossip” can “kill the reputation of our colleagues and brothers in cold blood,” and how cliques can “enslave their members and become a cancer that threatens the harmony of the body.”

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LOCAL & STATE

Cook reports small oil leak into Lake Michigan

By HP STAFF

BRIDGMAN — Officials at Cook Nuclear Plant reported the plant released approximately 2,000 gallons of oil into Lake Michigan Saturday, and that the spill was reported to local, state and federal agencies.

“On Saturday, a declining level trend on a Unit 2 main turbine lube oil reservoir was being investigated when the leak was identified and stopped,” a media release stated.

“The turbine lube oil system contains approximately 25,000 gallons of non-radioactive oil. The hot oil runs across tubes in a heat exchanger that is cooled by water from Lake Michigan. It is believed the oil leaked into a tube or tubes and was mixed into the cooling water. The leak, calculated at approximately 0.04 gallons per minute, could not be detected in the total water discharge flow of 1.5 million gallons per minute,” the release said.

Plant officials contacted Berrien County Sheriff’s Department Emergency Management, along with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

“We had been actively troubleshooting the level decline and closely monitoring our water discharge before we identified there actually was a leak and found the likely source,” said plant Environmental Manager Jon Harner in the release. “Our searches haven’t detected any oil on the beach or in the lake. We’ll continue to monitor the situation.”

The Cook plant is owned by Indiana Michigan Power.

Bangor woman arraigned on child abuse and torture charges

Family member says girl has history of hurting herself

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

BANGOR — A Bangor woman charged with felony child abuse and torture is being held in the Van Buren County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

Stephanie Arteaga, 47, was arraigned in Seventh District Court Friday on



ARTEAGA

Bronson LakeView Hospital in Paw Paw found suspicious injuries on Arteaga’s daughter, 6, on Friday, according to state police Detective Sgt. Shane Criger.

Child Protective Services had removed the girl from her home last Wednesday, and she was brought to a foster care home, Criger said. Foster care home staff discovered the girl’s injuries and took her to the hospital on Friday, Criger added.

“She does have some scarring from possible restraints or binding,” Criger said.

Arteaga has two much older children who were not living at the home with

her and her daughter, Criger said.

If convicted, Arteaga could face up to life in prison, police said earlier.

Arteaga’s son David Tyler III, told Wood TV 8 over the weekend that his sister, the alleged victim, likely has autism and has a history of self-inflicted injuries.

“When she gets frustrated and she doesn’t understand things, she will bang her head against things, she will scratch herself really

bad,” he told the station. “She has pulled out her hair before – just hurt herself.”

He added his mother would sometimes have to strap the girl to a stroller or chair just to keep her from hurting herself.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 5. Defense Attorney David Hunt was assigned to represent Arteaga in her case.

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BAD DAY FOR SANTA



Andrew Lersten / HP staff

An unusual holiday decoration of Santa getting creamed by a telephone pole can be found at the corner of 84th Avenue and County Road 687 in Van Buren County’s Keeler Township.

City official charged with selling someone else’s tractor

Incident did not involve city property, prosecutor says

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Brian Dwan, manager of St. Joseph’s ice rink and its marina, faces a misdemeanor charge of larceny for allegedly selling a tractor on Craigslist that didn’t belong to him, according to Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic.

The incident did not involve city property and was not connected to his job with city, Sepic said. St. Joseph City Manager Richard Lewis and Dwan’s attorney, Tat Parish, confirmed that the matter had nothing to do with Dwan’s position with St. Joseph.

The complaint about the missing tractor, which had been sitting behind a house on a property on Meadow Lane in Lincoln Township for several years, was filed with police by Daniel Weir, owner of the property, on Sept. 20.

Dwan, contacted Monday, said a friend had been renting the house on Weir’s property where the tractor was located. Before moving, he said the friend gave him permission to take the tractor that had been sitting outside for 10 years.

After selling it online, Dwan said he learned that the friend did not have permission to give away the tractor.

Sepic corroborated that part of Dwan’s account. But he added that, when questioned, the friend denied giving Dwan permission to take the tractor.

Sepic also reported that Dwan told police he still had the tractor, possibly hoping to get it back, but the person he had sold it to on Craigslist for \$500 had stripped it and sold the parts.

Charges of larceny between \$200 and \$1,000

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COLOMA SCHOOLS

District mulls fate of two surplus properties

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — One of the benefits of Coloma schools’ bond issue is it allowed the district to close both Washington Elementary School and its administration building.

But now the district must decide what to do with the surplus properties.

Superintendent Pete Bush was hired in November and hasn’t had any time to study the surplus question. But he said it will be among the district’s priorities in 2015.

Washington Elementary was the district’s oldest school building, and last year was its final year of operation.

Preliminary discussions have centered on Coloma Township acquiring the property, probably for a token \$1 amount, said Township Supervisor Ken



Andrew Lersten / HP staff

Passage of Coloma school district’s bond issue allowed the district to close its administration building on Boyer Road (shown here), along with Washington Elementary School. Deciding the fate of the two empty buildings will be a priority project for the district in 2015, officials said.

Parrigin.

The township has no use for the school building, but the sports fields that sur-

round it are very important to the community, Parrigin said.

“We’re going to make it

into a park,” he said.

District officials will meet with Parrigin in January to start discussing the sale, he

said. It would cost an estimated \$100,000 per year to maintain the school building, including the costs of a full-time maintenance worker, he added. As a result, the township may end up demolishing the building.

Meanwhile, district administrative staff moved into new offices at the Junior High School over the summer, after bond-funded renovations there were completed.

Bush said there hasn’t been much discussion about the future of the former administration center on Boyer Road yet.

Before the district makes any moves, a legal study of the property will have to be done, because the property was donated to the district. Research has to be done to determine what, if any, strings were attached to the property donation, he said.

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IN BRIEF

Paw Paw man facing several charges

PAW PAW — A Paw Paw man faces several charges af-

ter police responded to a report of a fight in progress Sunday on County Road 665 in Paw Paw Township, authorities said.

The man, 20, was arrested for resisting and obstructing police, felonious assault and marijuana possession following the 2 p.m. incident, Van

Buren County Sheriff’s Sgt. Ron Douglas said.

When police arrived at the scene, they found the suspect covered in blood and trying

to leave in his truck. Police ordered him to stop. He pulled out a large knife and threw it into the ground and fled on foot. After a short

foot chase, police stopped him with a Taser gun. He was arrested after being treated for a self-inflicted cut at Bronson LakeView Hospital.

Blazes keep firefighters busy

By MATT TROUTMAN
The Record-Eagle, Traverse City (TNS)

TRAVERSE CITY — Winter house fire season’s start sent several Grand Traverse region residents scrambling to escape flames.

Local firefighters battled a spate of blazes this weekend that leveled homes in Traverse City, Garfield Township and Kalkaska County. Traverse City Fire Department Chief Jim Tuller expects more house fires could erupt as a mild autumn gives way to winter and residents hunker down indoors.

“Typically, in northern Michigan our house fire season is from fall to spring,” he said.

Tuller counted seven recent significant fires in northern Michigan, including a Sunday blaze on

East 16th Street where a renter made a narrow escape from a second-floor window. He said a group of neighbors who spotted the fire had to alert an unaware second-floor renter.

“They ran into the first floor of the house yelling, ‘Fire,’” he said.

The renter found his path downstairs blocked by fire, so he climbed out a second-floor window, Tuller said. He said the neighbors fetched a ladder that the renter climbed down to safety when firefighters arrived.

Firefighters from Traverse City, Grand Traverse Metro, Blair, Elmwood and Peninsula township departments all assisted in extinguishing the flames.

Tuller said investigators found the home had no working smoke alarms.

“We’re going to work

with the city code enforcement officer on that,” he said.

City Chief Code Enforcement Officer Michael Trombley said it’s a \$50 first-offense civil infraction for inspected residences not to have working smoke alarms or detectors. He said the city inspects all dwellings of three or more units, but the residence at 138 E. 16th St. isn’t on his list.

“That’s not a multi-dwelling unit that I’m aware of,” he said.

Smoke alarms helped save a woman and her dog from a Saturday evening mobile home fire on Buttercup Lane in Garfield Township, authorities said. The woman left the mobile home before flames engulfed it and Grand Traverse Metro firefighters arrived.

Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department Chief Pat Parker said the cause of that fire still is under investigation.

An unoccupied Mill Street home also burned late Friday.

Boardman Township Fire Chief Jim Killingsworth said that fire’s cause is still under investigation, but early signs indicate it started in the living room, near where the homeowner had a working wood stove.

He said the homeowner lived next door and used the residence for storage.

“He had a lot of books in there: books and paperwork,” Killingsworth said.

Tuller said it’s a good time of year for people to be mindful of potential fire hazards.

“There’s no replacement for working smoke alarms and detectors,” he said.

COLOMA

City will buy two parcels, put another up for sale

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — The city will buy two parcels of land near the public works department on North Street, for possible future expansion.

But it plans to sell land off Red Arrow Highway where the Punkin Patch day-care center rents space from the city.

The City Commission Monday night approved both sets of transactions.

It voted 6-1 to have Mayor Jim Polashak move ahead with the purchase of the two small parcels near the public works department, from two different owners. The combined size is about an acre and will cost a total of \$42,000, the mayor said.

Voting for the purchase

were the mayor and Commissioners Kent Churchill, Jason Hicks, Bill Smith, Marsha Hammond and Linda Freitag.

Commissioner Mike Muenchow voted “no.” He said he was concerned about the purchase prices, and thought it was rushed through without adequate discussion.

The commission voted unanimously to put the Red Arrow property up for sale.

“I think it’s time we got get out of the rental business, and put the property back on the tax rolls,” Smith said.

Punkin Patch does not have a lease with the city, but rents the building for \$475 or \$500 a month, the mayor said.

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Is ship a ghost of Christmas past?

By KEVIN COLLIER
Grand Haven Tribune (TNS)

The holiday season often conjures up the ghosts of Christmas past – at least in the famous Charles Dickens novella, “A Christmas Carol.”

A lesser-known ghost tale of Christmas past involves a legendary three-mast schooner that earned the nickname “Christmas Tree Ship.” It sank in a Lake Michigan storm on Nov. 23, 1912, but sightings of her persist to present day.

Built in 1868, the Rouse Simmons – named for a Kenosha, Wis., businessman – was a 124-foot schooner. During its heyday, the schooner was making almost daily departures from the Grand Haven port hauling lumber. During the Christmas season, the ship transported Michigan-grown spruce trees to Chicago, earning it the “Christmas Tree Ship” nickname.

Once owned by affluent lumberman Charles Hackley of Muskegon, the ship came into the possession of Capt. Herman Schuenemann and other parties of interest in 1910. At the time, Schuenemann had been in the business of transporting and selling Christmas trees in Chicago for about a decade.

Loaded with approximately 5,500 trees, the Rouse Simmons departed Manistiquie Harbor, Mich., on Nov. 21 and headed to Chicago, normally a five-day, 300-mile trip. Capt. Charles Nelson, part owner of the ship, was reported to be in command of the vessel. Schuenemann, basically retired, wanted to be on-board for the delivery.

At about noon Nov. 23, spotters at the U.S. Lifesaving Station in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., viewed the Rouse Simmons on the horizon with sails tattered, hull encased in ice, riding low in the water and flying distress signals. The Two Rivers station 20 miles away was notified, but when the 34-foot Coast Guard powerboat they dispatched reached the last-known site of the Simmons, she had vanished.

Other vessels joined in the search. Days turned into weeks.

On Dec. 5, the Escanaba Morning Press published the first article that the schooner was missing. The Grand Haven Tribune broke the news on its front page the following day. It soon became a reality that the “Christmas Tree Ship” had gone down and there were no survivors – nor were any bodies ever recovered.

It was reported that spruce trees were being caught in fishermen’s nets and washing ashore for some time near Two Rivers after the winter ice had melted – as many as 700. The Rouse Simmons tragically, in a strange way, had delivered its last load of Christmas trees.

It was reported 17 souls went to their watery graves that fateful day. Chicago newspapers stated 1912 was “the year without Christmas.”

The following year, Schuenemann’s widow, Barbara, chartered a schooner and hired a crew to cut trees to transport to Chicago. The tradition continued until her passing in 1933.

But, after her sinking, the Christmas Tree Ship resurfaced in headlines.

On July 29, 1913, a message in a bottle supposedly from the Rouse Simmons was found washed ashore on a Sheboygan, Wis., beach by young Frank Lauscher. The note – dated Nov. 23, 1912, and signed by “Captain Charles Nelson” – indicated the ship was in danger.

“Schooner Rouse Simmons ready to go down,” Nelson wrote. “All hands lashed to one line. Good-bye.”

Capt. Schuenemann’s wallet, snagged in a fisherman’s

net, was recovered from the water near Two Rivers on April 23, 1924 – nearly 10 years after the vessel sank. But the wallet contained no clue regarding the sinking of the Rouse Simmons.

In 1951, news circulated that Capt. Peter DeBlake believed the skeleton of a schooner that washed up near the entrance of Ludington State Park was the Rouse Simmons. Many joined in the belief, but it would be another 20 years before the ship was discovered.

After her sinking, especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, sailors have reported seeing a ghost ship with glistening, ice-covered Christmas trees on its deck.

To this day, reports surface of the ghost ship being sighted near Two Rivers during the Christmas season.

App lets patients take prehistoric virtual trip

ANN ARBOR (AP) — An app featuring a bronze fossil floor at the main entrance of C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor allows patients to take virtual prehistoric journey.

The free iPad app “Foozel” was launched last month under a partnership between the University of Michigan Health System and the University of Michigan Credit Union.

In the app, the fossil floor breaks and transforms into a starry sky. It leads the user through

games to track down fossils and repair the floor. There’s also a coloring book to accompany the app. Both were designed and developed by University of Michigan students and alumni.

Foozel was made possible by a \$342,000 pledge from University of Michigan Credit Union to benefit C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital and another hospital. Part of the gift was used for the “Ancient Arb I” bronze fossil floor that was created by artist Michele Oka Doner.

State: 57 school districts had deficits

LANSING (AP) — Fifty-seven Michigan school districts and charter schools had budget deficits at the end of the latest fiscal year, up from 52 at the same time a year earlier, the state’s top education official said.

State Superintendent Mike Flanagan reported the figures Friday to the state House and Senate education budget subcommittees. This year’s list includes the Detroit Public Schools, the state’s largest district, with about 47,000 students.

One of the 52 districts that had deficits June 30, 2013, merged with another district in the year that followed. Two eliminated their deficits

after the 2013 fiscal year ended, and one charter school closed, the report said.

The state said that 55 districts and charter schools still have deficits, while two charter schools on the list have closed since the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

The Detroit schools are operating under a state-appointed emergency financial manager. The district submitted a revised deficit elimination plan Aug. 15 reflecting the defeat of a property tax increase request for the district and including a proposed 10 percent compensation concession by district employees, Flanagan said.

He said the state Department of Education accepted the Detroit district’s plan Aug. 19, “although I subsequently expressed reservations with the 10 percent concessions and its potential impact on student achievement.”

Flanagan said the department requested that Detroit school officials submit a revised deficit elimination plan.

“The district’s audited financial statements reflect that the deficit has grown to \$169.4 million. We continue to have dialogue with the emergency manager and chief financial officer of the district,” Flanagan wrote.

DWAN

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were filed Oct. 1. Dwan, a Sodus resident, pleaded

not guilty. A trial is scheduled for late January, Sepic said.

Dwan was hired in 2012 to oversee St. Joseph’s Howard Ice Arena and

West Basin Marina. He also is a volunteer with the St. Joseph Township Fire Department.

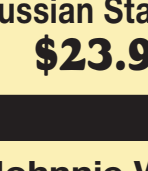
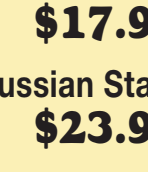
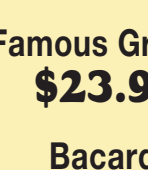
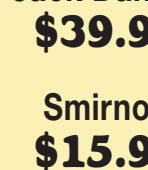
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Ex-officer not charged in fatal Milwaukee shooting

By **TODD RICHMOND**
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — A white Milwaukee police officer fired after fatally shooting a mentally ill black man in April won't face criminal charges, the county's top prosecutor said Monday, while the U.S. attorney said hours later that there will be a federal investigation of the case.

Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm said Christopher Manney won't be charged because he shot Dontre Hamilton in self-defense. Manney is at least the third white police officer to avoid charges in the past month after a confrontation that led to a black man's death.

"Based on all the evidence and analysis presented in this report, I come to the conclusion that Officer Manney's use of force in this incident was justified self-defense and that defense cannot be reasonably overcome to establish a basis to charge Officer Manney with a crime," Chisholm said in a statement.

After waiting eight months for the decision, Hamilton's family reacted with disappointment and anger. At an emotional news conference on the

steps of the federal courthouse, family attorneys said they had called for a federal investigation. They also urged that protests be peaceful "so as not to dishonor Dontre's name and the Hamilton family name."

But Hamilton's brother Nate spoke bitterly, saying the family had "cried too long" and "we don't have to be the voice of reason."

"We need to take our communities back. We need to protect each other. We need to stop the violence in our communities so we can get rid of these pigs that kill us," he said to shouts and applause. "Because that's what they are. They feed, they feed off of us. And we can't let them do that no more."

His remarks came just two days after two New York City police officers were ambushed in their patrol car. Police said that attack was carried out by a man who posted online about putting "wings on pigs."

Jon Safran, a Hamilton family attorney, later said Nate Hamilton doesn't condone "any type of violence" and that the family was dealing with "great anxiety and frustration right now."

Battered N.Y. mayor calls for temporary protest halt

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and COLLEEN LONG**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the New York Police Department mourns two of its own, Mayor Bill de Blasio pleaded for a pause in protests and rancor amid a widening rift with those in a grieving force who accuse him of creating a climate of mistrust that contributed to the executions of two officers.

De Blasio called on Monday for a halt of political statements until after the funerals of the slain officers, an appeal to both sides in a roiling dispute centered on the deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of white police officers.

"We are in a very difficult moment. Our focus has to be on these families," de Blasio said at police headquarters. "I think it's a time for everyone to put aside political debates, put aside protests, put aside all of the things that we will talk about in all due time."

De Blasio's relations with the city's police unions have tumbled to an extraordinary new low following Saturday's shooting, an ambush the gunman claimed was retaliation for the police-involved deaths of Eric Garner in New York and Michael Brown



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, left, speaks while Police Commissioner Bill Bratton listens during a news conference at police headquarters in New York on Monday.

Seth Wenig / AP

in Ferguson, Missouri.

In a display of defiance, dozens of police officers turned their backs to de Blasio at the hospital where the officers died, and union leaders said the mayor had "blood on his hands" for enabling the protesters who have swept the streets of New York this month since a grand jury declined to indict an officer in Garner's chokehold death.

De Blasio, though he said he did not agree with the union leaders' comments, largely tried to strike a unifying note in his first extensive question-and-answer session since the shooting. He said he was confident

the city was "working toward a day where we can achieve greater harmony toward policing and community."

Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were ambushed Saturday afternoon by a man who vowed in an Instagram post to put "wings on pigs." The suspect, Ismaaiyl Brinsley was black; the slain officers were Asian and Hispanic.

The killings came as police nationwide are being criticized following Garner's death and the shooting death of the 18-year-old Brown. Protests erupted after grand juries declined to charge officers in either

case.

On Monday, a prosecutor said a white Milwaukee police officer who was fired after he fatally shot a mentally ill black man in April won't face criminal charges. The brother of the slain man, though clearly angry, urged protesters to remain peaceful.

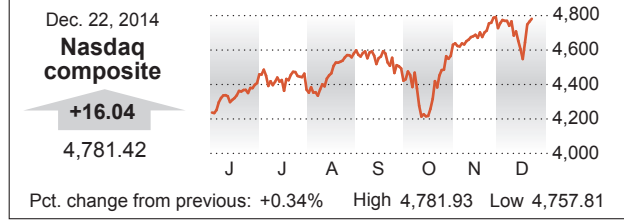
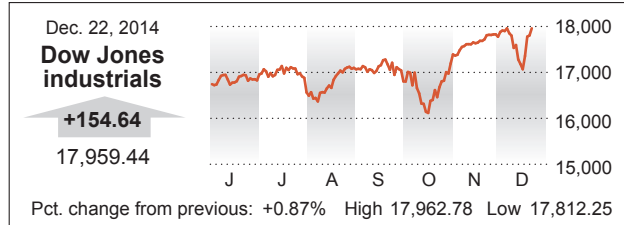
De Blasio and NYPD Commissioner William Bratton met with the officers' grieving families Monday.

"There's a lot of pain. It's so hard to make sense of it — how one deeply troubled, violent individual could do this to these good families," a somber de Blasio said. "And I think it's a time for everyone to take stock that there are things that unite us, there are things that we hold dear as New Yorkers, as Americans."

But the Rev. Al Sharpton, a close de Blasio ally, and other protest leaders said Monday that they would not heed the mayor's call to suspend demonstrations.

Investigators continued to depict Brinsley as an emotionally troubled loner. He had an extensive criminal record and involved in a 2011 standoff with police in Georgia that ended with officers using a stun gun on him, according to records.

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Tribes tread carefully into marijuana discussions

By **FELICIA FONSECA and MATTHEW BROWN**
Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation had bitter debates when it was deciding whether to allow casinos on the reservation and if alcohol should be sold in them. The arguments focused on the revenue and jobs casinos and liquor could bring to a reservation where half the workforce is unemployed and most arrests and pervasive social ills are linked to alcohol abuse.

When the federal government announced this month that it would allow American Indian tribes to grow and sell marijuana, the same divisive discussions resurfaced. The tribal president's office talked of expanding crops to include pot for medicinal but not recreational use, while a tribal lawmaker quickly declared his opposition.

"Criminal activity is just going to go up more, and drug addiction is going to go up more, and everyone is going to be affected," said Edmund Yazzie, head of the Navajo Nation Council's

Law and Order Committee.

The split reaction among Navajo leaders reflects divisions on reservations around the country. While the Navajo and a number of other tribes ultimately ventured into the casino business, many say they're inclined to avoid marijuana as a potential revenue booster amid deep sensitivity over rampant alcoholism, poverty, crime and joblessness on tribal lands.

Marijuana isn't tied to tribal culture, like tobacco commonly used in religious ceremonies, and any pot growing operation would run counter to the message that tribes have preached for decades that drugs and alcohol ruin lives, said Carl Artman, former U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs assistant secretary and member of the Oneida Tribe in Wisconsin.

"When you look at what tribes have to offer — from gaming to ecotourism to looking out over the Grand Canyon, just bringing people out on the reservation for art or culture — this is not one of the things they would normally want," Art-

man said. "It hearkens back to something that's archaic and stereotypical as opposed to what the modern day Indian is about."

But it has piqued the interest of some of the country's 566 federally recognized tribes, including tribes in Washington, the Dakotas, Connecticut and Colorado, as well as the Navajo Nation, which stretches into New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.

Lance Morgan, a member of the Winnebago Tribe who manages an Indian law firm in Nebraska, said he's had about a dozen requests from tribes looking for a legal framework for getting into the marijuana business. The overall poverty rate for American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2010 was 28 percent, according to Census data, but it can be much greater in individual tribal communities.

"It's something everyone is talking about," he said.

But he said tribes are treading carefully and believes most of them will decide against getting into the marijuana business.

Dave Archambault II,

chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota and South Dakota, said his tribe might consider cultivating marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin, hemp, but the federal government would have to allow interstate transport for it to be a profitable venture. Hemp is used to make clothing, lotion and other products, but growing it is illegal under federal law.

"We've always thought we had the sovereign right" to grow marijuana, Archambault said. "But once you try to transport it interstate, federal law discourages it."

In Colorado and Washington state, which legalized recreational pot in 2012, some tribes got a head start on talks about sales.

The 1,100-member Suquamish Tribe near Seattle began considering the potential business opportunities in April. But Washington's liquor board, which regulates pot sales, initially said it wouldn't grant the tribe a license until federal officials clarified their position regarding pot on reservations.

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Electoral College helped sustain long grudge with Cuba

For a long time, the U.S. ostracism of Cuba has been like the vintage American cars on the streets of Havana: obsolete but imperishable. It didn't topple the Castro government, didn't force human rights progress and didn't unite the world behind us. Yet failure was no enemy of longevity.

There are many reasons for its endurance. But if you're parceling out responsibility, you have to start with a curious invention of the Founding Fathers that we know as the Electoral College. Without it, our Cuba policy never would have persisted for so many years – which is a reminder that our Cuba policy is not the only thing that needs changing.

Shortly before the 2000 election, I was invited to be part of a local TV panel that included an Illinois state senator I had never heard of: Barack Obama. The topic was the novel possibility that George W. Bush might win the popular vote but lose in the Electoral College.

We were on to something, but we had it backward: On Election Day, it was Al Gore who managed this sad feat.

The outcome infuriated Democrats, who still bear a grudge against the Electoral College, but convinced Republicans that it is a priceless heirloom. They may change their minds once they grasp that its odd math now works to their distinct disadvantage.

After the 2012 election, Nate Silver of The New York Times figured out that “Mitt Romney may have had to win the national popular vote by three percentage points on Tuesday to be assured of winning the Electoral College.”

Political scientist Ben Highton of the University of California, Davis, has calculated that if voters split 50-50 in 2016, the Democratic nominee's chance of winning is at least 83 percent.

What does the Electoral College have to do with our shunning of Cuba? Plenty. Cuban-Americans make up just 0.6 percent of the American population – hardly enough, you'd think, to warrant much notice from politicians. But they have nonetheless been able to dictate Washington's stance on Cuba.

Why? First, because for a long time they were united in their strong antipathy toward the Castro regime. Second, because they let candidates know any deviation on that issue was a deal-breaker.

None of this would have mattered, though, except for the Electoral College. Cuban-Americans are concentrated in Florida, where they make up more than 6 percent of the population – enough to decide an election. It's a crucial swing state that is rich in electoral votes.

Presidential candidates of either party knew that if they urged a less hostile policy toward the Cuban regime, they would lose the Cuban-American vote, which could mean losing Florida, which could mean losing the election. They also knew that it cost them nothing to appease the Cuba lobby, because the issue is of minor importance to anyone else.

So they did the politically prudent thing. As Texas A&M University political scientist George C. Edwards III, author of “Why the Electoral College Is Bad for America,” told me, “The Electoral College allowed a minority in a large state to determine U.S. foreign policy.”

The fact that it didn't work was irrelevant. As long as it satisfied those voters it was beyond alteration.

What changed? The sentiments of Cuban-Americans changed. Many of them came to see the policy as blind and futile.

In 2008, Obama went to Miami

and dared to say he would meet with Raul Castro “at a time and place of my choosing.” In spite of that pledge – or because of it – he did much better among Cuban-Americans than John Kerry or Al Gore had done. Four years later, he got nearly half of their votes. That success emboldened him to adopt his new policy of engagement.

But the shift doesn't vindicate the Electoral College. It still warps our democratic process by giving lopsided power to a handful of states – and small voting blocs in those states.

It may be impossible to amend the Constitution to get rid of this mechanism. But it's not impossible to circumvent. Eleven states, with 165 electoral votes, have passed measures to award their electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote, regardless of who wins their state.

The plan, known as the National Popular Vote, would not kick in until enough states sign on to deliver the 270 votes that constitute a majority. That way, the Electoral College vote would always uphold the choice of the voters.

It may sound like a crazy way to elect a president, but trust me: We've had crazier.

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‘Unbroken’ the film is incomplete

I wanted to like the movie because I love the book. Laura Hillenbrand's bestseller, “Unbroken,” is a classic.

While I had heard reports that the turning point in the book never made it to film, I attended a pre-release screening with an open mind.

Audiences are told “Unbroken” is a “true story.” It is true, as far as it goes, but the story is incomplete.

There have been many World War II stories told in film depicting triumphs of personal courage and survival. The story of Louis Zamperini is one such story, but with an added dimension. Zamperini, who died earlier this year at age 97, came home an angry man. He became addicted to alcohol and cigarettes and verbally abused his young wife as he wrestled with his inner demons. The skeleton of his story is in the film – the plane crash at sea while on a rescue mission; the 47 days floating on a raft before being picked up by a Japanese ship and thrown into a prison camp; the relentless torture and eventual liberation at the end of the war.

After returning to Los Angeles we see Zamperini hugging his brother and parents, but the story ends there. Director Angelina Jolie attempts to put some flesh on the bones at the end of the film with some still shots and words that tell us that Zamperini's faith led him to return to Japan on a personal mission of reconciliation.

In media appearances, Jolie has refused to discuss why the most remarkable part of Zamperini's story was excluded from the film. That would be the night he was converted at the 1949 Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles. As Hillenbrand tells it in her book, Louis came home, poured his alcohol down the drain, threw out his cigarettes, was reconciled to his wife and became a new man because, he said, he had asked Jesus Christ to be his savior.

As stories about faith have made a recent comeback on TV and in movies, attracting high ratings and large ticket sales at the box office, it is puzzling why Jolie, who directed the film, and the Coen brothers, who wrote it, left out the most important part of Zamperini's story. Once word gets around that Zamperini's conversion, which was so faithfully and beautifully chronicled in Hillenbrand's book, is not in the film, I suspect many who share Louis' faith will not buy tickets.

Apologists for Universal Pictures say people can always read the rest of the story in the book. Yes, they can, but then why should they see a film that highlights only half a life?

Just before he died, Jolie showed Zamperini a rough cut of the film. He professed to like it and said it doesn't force religion down people's throats. That's a cliché, which doesn't really fit in this instance. Nothing is “forced” when it is true. The film, “Selma,” which is scheduled for release on January 9, would be incomplete if it failed to depict Martin Luther King Jr. as a minister whose faith motivated him to be a modern-day Moses.

Fortunately, in addition to Hillenbrand's book, people can read Louis' story in his own words. His book is titled, “Don't Give Up, Don't Give In: Lessons from an Extraordinary Life.” The One who preserved his life to the end is more powerful than his Japanese prison camp abuser.

In the film “Kings Row,” Ronald Reagan awakens to learn that a botched operation has resulted in the amputation of his legs. “Where's the rest of me?” he asks.

Where's the rest of Zamperini's story is the question I had after seeing “Unbroken.”

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LETTERS

Pinkney is shady but the fraud case was weak

Editor,
Edward Pinkney has no one to blame more than himself for his most recent conviction for election fraud. But despite the nearly overwhelming circumstantial evidence against him, and his long criminal history, he should have been acquitted. The lack of physical evidence in this case should have provided the jury with reasonable doubt. Imprisoning a potentially innocent person does far greater harm to a community than the risk of freeing a guilty one.

Judge Sterling Schrock was right in saying that interfering with a free and fair election process does extraordinary harm. But that applies to gerrymandering politicians and corrupt election workers as well. Pinkney's claim of no harm brings into question his actual motivation in leading the effort to recall the mayor of Benton Harbor. No point, is more like it. Had he succeeded, it would have boosted Pinkney's phony credentials as a political activist, and that's about all. Most locals, myself included, know him from personal experience for the charlatan he really is. His following comes primarily from outside our area. Pinkney knows only too well that there's a sucker born every minute, and his well-meaning but naive supporters are just as much his victims as are the people of Benton Harbor whom he has shamelessly tried to fleece and hoodwink for years. Even organizations such as the NAACP and the ACLU, which fell for him in the past, will no longer touch Pinkney with a 10-foot pole.

When I heard that Berrien County Chief Prosecutor Michael Sepic was bringing charges against Pinkney, I thought that this time they must really have the goods on him. I was astounded to learn that, in fact, they didn't. Instead, Sepic relied on his usual tactics of innuendo and intimidation, which ultimately does far more damage to our community than Pinkney could ever hope to do. Sepic has simply given Pinkney more ammunition, a larger audience and a greater claim to martyrdom.

Make no mistake, we have not heard the last from Edward Pinkney.

**Scott Elliott
Benton Harbor**

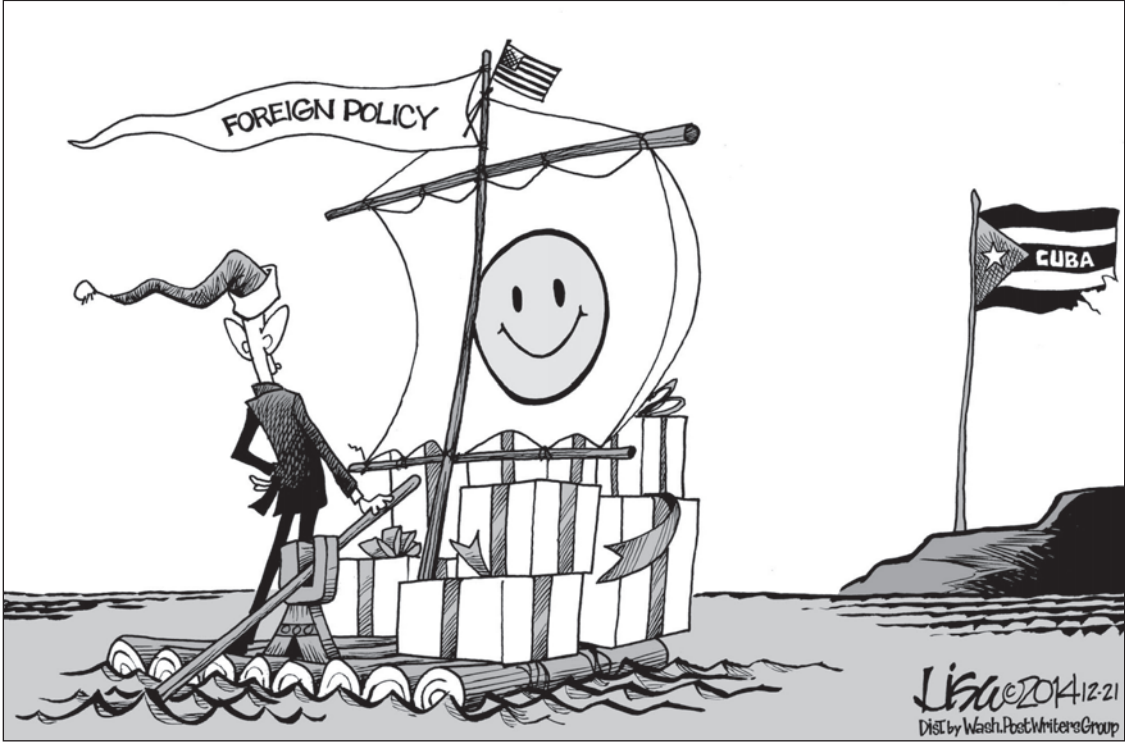
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Global effort to reduce childhood mortality has been a spectacular success

By MICHAEL GERSON

In the category of stunning, heartening, woefully under-reported good news: In 2000, an estimated 9.9 million children around the world died before age 5. In 2013, the figure was 6.3 million. That is 3.6 million fewer deaths, even as population increased by about 1 billion.

Shout it from the rooftops. Or, more topically, paste it to the posterior of a celebrity. Put Dianne Feinstein in charge of keeping it a secret.

There are a variety of reasons for increased child survival, including improved prevention of malaria and HIV. But according to a recent report in The Lancet, about half of these gains came from reductions in pneumonia, diarrhea and measles – diseases addressed by vaccination. We are seeing the continuation of what is perhaps the single greatest scientific contribution to human well-being: the artificial preparation of the immune system to ward off bacteria and viruses.

The provision of vaccines is a particularly clear instance of what economists call a global public good. A tetanus shot, for example, is a very good thing for the individual getting it; he or she doesn't end up with lockjaw. But it is not, strictly speaking, a public good. Only the treated person benefits. The broad provision of the pneumococcal vaccine, in contrast, creates herd immunity and reduces anti-microbial resistance. The circulation of pneumonia in children is diminished, helping protect the elderly as well. Once this public good is produced, everyone can enjoy it without reducing anyone else's share.

What is exceptional about this particular public good is how much of it has been gener-

ated by a single source. The Internet loves speculation about shadowy, menacing global institutions – the Bilderberg Group, the Trilateral Commission. But there is a little-known global institution based in Geneva – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance – that supports vaccination for nearly 60 percent of the world's children. It is a global conspiracy of health.

Gavi provides heavy but eventually diminishing subsidies for immunizations in poor countries. It also acts as a sort of purchasing co-op, helping nations get better prices on vaccines. And it amounts to a guaranteed market for vaccines that would not otherwise be profitable to research and produce.

This organization has gathered recent attention during the Ebola crisis. Two Ebola vaccines are currently in testing and may be available (God and the science willing) by the middle of next year. Gavi is raising funds (from governments and development banks) to purchase millions of doses. Perhaps more importantly, it guarantees a market for the development of second-generation Ebola vaccines that will have a longer shelf life and work on a broader variety of strains. In addition, Gavi will help Ebola-affected countries play catch-up on other childhood vaccinations neglected during the crisis.

But the prospect is broader. Gavi has begun an ambitious push to fund its next five-year period, with the target to provide 2.7 billion vaccine doses that will immunize 300 million children. This would prevent 5 million to 6 million deaths. The outcomes of few other development interventions are so precisely measurable. Gavi has a 3 percent overhead rate. The results with a given level of in-

We are seeing the continuation of what is perhaps the single greatest scientific contribution to human well-being: the artificial preparation of the immune system to ward off bacteria and viruses.

puts can be specified with incredible accuracy.

And this, in all likelihood, will be the highest level of resources Gavi will ever need. The program requires even the poorest countries to pay a portion of the cost of purchasing vaccines. Participating nations are then given five years to take over the full cost – which they generally do on schedule (barring coup or crisis). This graduation model means that during the next five-year funding period – following the one currently being planned – only 2.1 billion doses will be required. And downward from there.

There is serious debate about the effectiveness of certain types of development assistance. Advocates must be able to account for the lack of economic results, say, from decades of foreign aid in Haiti. But the value of vaccination as a global public good is hard to question. Gavi is rigorous, dramatically effective – and temporary.

The Obama administration and other governments are in the process of determining their commitments to Gavi. America is generally hesitant to make large, multiyear development pledges. This should be a big, bipartisan exception.

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Arizona to change drugs it uses in executions

By **ASTRID GALVAN**
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona officials said Monday they have been cleared of any wrongdoing in an execution this year that lasted nearly two hours, but they are nevertheless changing the drugs they use to put inmates to death.

According to a letter from Department of Corrections Director Charles Ryan to Gov. Jan Brewer, the agency no longer will use the drug combination used in the controversial July execution of Joseph Rudolph Wood. He was given 15 doses of the drugs and gasped over and over before taking his final breath.

The letter said the department will stop using the mixture of midazolam, a sedative, and hydromorphone, a painkiller. Instead, it will try to obtain pentobarbital or Sodium Pentothal, the powerful sedative also known as sodium thiopental that was used in lethal injections in Arizona until it became difficult to obtain.

Pentobarbital has been successfully used dozens of times in Texas, Georgia and Missouri but also is in short supply. Records obtained by The Associated Press show Texas has enough pentobarbital to carry out the first five lethal injections scheduled there in 2015.

If Arizona cannot acquire those drugs, it will use a three-drug combination that can include midazolam and potassium chloride, among others. That three-drug mix has been used successfully in eight executions in Florida, according to the report.

The July 23 execution of Wood, convicted of murdering his ex-girlfriend and her father, Debbie and Gene Dietz, called into question the efficacy of the drugs used in Arizona after it took nearly two hours for Wood to die.

Wood's attorney, Dale Baich, says the execution was botched.

But results from an independent investigation conducted by a group of former corrections directors and experts found no protocols were broken and the state properly trained its execution team. The findings released Monday also show Wood was injected correctly but did not react to the drugs as expected.

The three-member team recommended the changes to the drugs used.

"The report is clear that the execution of inmate

Wood was handled in accordance with all department procedures, which, as the report states, either meet or exceed national standards," Ryan said in a statement. "It was done appropriately and with the utmost professionalism."

But Baich was unsatisfied, saying the report failed to explain why the experimental drug protocol did not work as promised.

"The state should release all of the documentation and witness reports that went into this review," Baich said. "Only through discovery in a court of law will there be a truly independent and comprehensive examination of what went wrong during Mr. Wood's nearly two-hour execution."

The state has put on hold all executions pending the outcome of a lawsuit stemming from Wood's execution. Arizona has put 37 inmates to death since capital punishment resumed in 1992 and has about 120 inmates on death row.

The lawsuit was filed in June on behalf of Wood and other death-row inmates. It claims the inmates have a First Amendment right to know about specific execution protocols such as the types of drugs used in lethal injections and the companies that supply them.

The independent investigation reviewed drug combinations and other execution protocols of several states, including Ohio, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri.

The investigators compared Wood's execution with that of Clayton Lockett in Oklahoma on April 29. The same sedative was used in both, but Oklahoma officials have said the catheters were improperly placed on Lockett, restricting the drugs' flow.

Lockett writhed, mumbled and lifted his head on the gurney during the 43 minutes it took him to die.

A federal judge ruled Monday that Oklahoma's lethal injection protocols are constitutional, and said the state can proceed with the scheduled executions of four death row inmates early next year.

The Arizona investigation found Wood did not feel pain. The lead doctor said he performed seven consciousness tests and found Wood was unresponsive. The doctor said he used a pin to prick Wood but got no response.

The autopsy findings in Wood's death have not been publicly released.

OBITUARIES

Hal David Story

Hal David Story, 73, of Joliet, Ill., died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. He was born Dec. 1, 1941, to the late Phyllis (Banks) and Carl Story in St. Joseph, where he was raised, educated and lived until 1976, when he moved to Bolingbrook, Ill.

He was the beloved father of Paul Story of St. Joseph and the late Michael David Story; and dear brother of Jean Blackman of Tampa, Fla.; Fred (Betty) Story of Osceola, Ind.; Don (Pamela) Story of San Diego; Mary Story of London, Ontario; and the late James Story. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and his former wife, Debra Story of Joliet.

Hal, a retired engineer and former electrician, was a member of B.A.R.S., aiding first responders in weather disasters. He enjoyed being a ham radio operator and helping people during crisis. Tinkering with computers was a favorite pastime.

As it was Hal's wish, cremation rites will be accorded and his ashes will be interred privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Hal's name to your local heart, kidney, lung or diabetes association would be appreciated. Arrangements are by Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60431 (815-741-5500 or www.fredcdames.com).

Evelyn Schiller

Evelyn Schiller, 93, of Sawyer died Monday morning, Dec. 22, 2014, at West Woods of Bridgman.

Mrs. Schiller was born Sept. 24, 1921, to Henry and Olga (Krieger) Schmidt in Sawyer. She graduated from New Troy High School and worked at the Warren Featherbone Factory during the war. She married Edward "Shack" Schiller on Dec. 29, 1945, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sawyer. Mrs. Schiller enjoyed gardening, canning her produce and caring for her home.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Loretta Schiller of Troy, Mich.; grandson and his wife, Kyle and Allison Schiller of Lansing; sister, Ruth Sinner of Sawyer; brother, Dean Schmidt of La Porte, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 12, 2010; a sister, Wilma Ott; and a brother, Junior.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, at Pobocik Funeral Home in Three Oaks with the Rev. Randy Lett officiating. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Chikaming Township. Visi-

tation will be from 4-7 p.m. today, Dec. 23, at the funeral home.

To leave a tribute online, please visit www.pobocik.com.

Raymond Collings

Raymond E. Collings, 71, of Sodus passed away Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Raymond was born April 10, 1943, to the late Raymond L. and Fauntella L. Collings in Buchanan. On Sept. 17, 1966, he married Jo Anne Herdt in a ceremony in Buchanan. He was a member of Yore Community Church, Sodus. Raymond worked and retired from Clark Equipment Co. in Buchanan.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jo Anne Collings; sister, Ruth Arend; niece, Tina Blumka; and nephew, Jeremy Arend.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Yore Community Church, 2690 Yore Ave., Sodus, MI 49126. Burial will take place at a later date at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Ann Dwan

Ann (Flesher) Dwan, 85, of St. Joseph died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at her residence.

A Mass celebrating her life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. The family will receive friends and relatives from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Association, the Heart Foundation or donor's choice. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Ann was born Feb. 28, 1929, in Detroit to Gorman and Kathleen Flesher. She married Gerald Dwan in 1950, and he preceded her in death in 2008. Together they celebrated 58 years of marriage. Ann was a homemaker and loved all the things that it encompassed. She also enjoyed going to Las Vegas and watching movies. She was a gifted artist and drew many portraits of her family and friends. Ann was also a wonderful cook and a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her children: Kathleen Wallace of St. Joseph; Daniel

(Kathy) Dwan of Good-year, Ariz.; Sharon Dwan of Kalamazoo; Elizabeth Dwan of Las Vegas; Margaret (Tim) Bury of St. Joseph; and Jeanne (David) Williams of Chicago; a brother, Donald Flesher of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Diane (Larry) Delach of Kalamazoo; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gerald Flesher; and a sister, Jean Isabell.

Donald P. LaVanway Sr.

Donald P. LaVanway Sr. 65, of Benton Harbor died at his home Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, after an illness of many years.

Services celebrating his life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at Riverside United Methodist Church, 4401 Fikes Road, Riverside. Cremation will follow with a private burial at a later date. The Rev. David Haase will be officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church before the service. Arrangements are by Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Memorials may be made to the family, Muscular Dystrophy Association or Sarett Nature Center. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Don was born in Benton Harbor on Dec. 29, 1948, to Forest and Pauline (Couch) LaVanway. He had worked for many years in the restaurant business. He was a member of Riverside United Methodist Church, Benton Harbor Moose Club and Berrien County Woodworkers Guild. Don enjoyed woodworking as a hobby.

Don is survived by his wife, Riza; two sons, Lance (Jill) LaVanway of Springfield, Mo., and Joseph (Teri) Paterson of Haynesville, La.; his brother and sisters: Allen LaVanway of Watervliet, Joan Berndt of Benton Harbor and Kay Burdchett of Clarie, Okla.; and 18 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Anthony "Tony" LaVanway and Donald Paul LaVanway Jr.; and a brother, Dennis LaVanway.

Scottie D. Richerson

Scottie Dale Richerson, 55, of Bridgman passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at his home.

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 2014, at Bridgman American Legion Post 331, 4241 Legion St. Memorial contributions may be given to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Death notices

Patrick Richard Ashley, 43, of Stevensville died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Raymond E. Collings, 71, of Sodus died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Dorothy T. Drumm, 86, of St. Joseph died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at The Whitcomb in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ann (Flesher) Dwan, 85, of St. Joseph died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at home. Dey-Florin Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, St. Joseph, 983-1514.

Geraldine Flewellen, 80, of Dowagiac died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Marie Jenkins, 95, of Benton Harbor died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at Royalton Manor in St. Joseph. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Scottie Dale Richerson, 55, of Bridgman died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Evelyn Schiller, 93, of Sawyer died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at West Woods of Bridgman. Pobocik Funeral Home, Connelly-Noble Chapel, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

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Scottie was born May 26, 1959, in Marion, Ill., the son of Donald and Judith (Rainbolt) Richerson. On Dec. 31, 1980, he married Patricia Marie Ulrath. Scottie served his country for more than 20 years in the United States Army, most recently in the 62nd Engineer A.D.M. He enjoyed coaching youth baseball and never met a stranger. He was a beloved community member and touched many lives.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Patricia; sons, Thomas (Elizabeth) Richerson of Arlington, Va.; and Nathaniel Richerson of Bridgman; a dear family friend, Kirk Beilman of Charlotte, N.C.; and his mother, Judith; a sister, Susie (Larry) Poole; and a brother, Steven Richerson, all of Mount Vernon, Ill.

Scottie was preceded in death by his father, Donald Richerson.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman, MI 49106.

British singer Joe Cocker dies of lung cancer

By **DAVID BAUDER**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Cocker, the raspy-voiced British singer known for his frenzied cover of "With a Little Help From My Friends," the teary ballad "You Are So Beautiful" and a contorted performing style uncannily parodied by John Belushi on "Saturday Night Live," has died. He was 70.

His London-based agent, Barrie Marshall, said Cocker died Monday of lung cancer in Colorado, where he has lived for the past two decades.

Cocker, an interpreter more than a writer, became a star through his dazzling transformation of the Beatles' "With a Little Help From My Friends." Featuring a gospel-styled arrangement and furious call and response between Cocker and the backup singers, the song became a No. 1 hit in

England and the highlight of his characteristically manic set at the Woodstock festival in 1969.

In a statement Monday, Paul McCartney remembered hearing Cocker's cover of the song he and John Lennon co-wrote for Ringo Starr and finding it "just mind blowing," a "soul anthem."

"I was forever grateful for him for doing that," McCartney said. "I knew him through the years as a good mate, and I was so sad to hear that he had been ill and really sad to hear today that he had passed away."

Cocker's "Mad Dogs & Englishmen" tour and travelling party of 1970, featuring Leon Russell and numerous top session musicians, produced a film and a recording that went gold. But future success was more sporadic, and Cocker suffered from both drug and financial problems.

He had a top 10 hit in 1975 on "You Are So Beautiful," his voice cracking on the final, emotional note, and won a Grammy Award in 1983 for his "Up Where

We Belong" duet with Jennifer Warnes, the theme of the movie "An Officer and a Gentleman."

His cover of Bryan Adams' "When the Night Comes" was featured in the film "An Innocent Man" and became a top 20 single in 1990.

Cocker, who received an Order of the British Empire in 2011 for his contribution to music, released 40 albums and continued to tour after the hits stopped. His other popular covers included "Feelin' Alright," "The Letter" and "Cry Me a River," a song previously recorded by one of Cocker's greatest influences, Ray Charles.

His voice, at times so worn it seemed in danger of shredding, was just one part of his legend. No Cocker fan could forget his intense, twitchy stage presence, his arms flailing, his hips stretching, his face contorting. Among those watching were Belushi, whose expert imitation became a feature of his early National Lampoon shows and eventually a part of popular history when he

joined Cocker in 1976 for a duet of "Feelin' Alright" on "Saturday Night Live."

Years later, Cocker told The Associated Press' Mary Campbell that he was playing an imaginary piano and air guitar while singing — the elements that contributed to this unique style.

"That was the frustration of not being able to play, really," he said.

Cocker was born in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, and was singing with local bands by the time he was a teenager. His early groups included Vance Arnold and the Avengers and the Grease Band, which backed him on "With a Little Help From

Getting it straight

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25 years ago – 1990

The Van Buren Youth Camp is marking its 40th year of operation. The camp, located on Great Bear Lake near Bloomingtondale, was founded in 1950 and is supported by about 250 individuals, clubs and businesses.

Robin Lee McKinstry was crowned Miss Baroda 1990 in a community Blossom Queen contest last night at Lakeshore High School. She is a senior at Lakeshore High School and the daughter of Sharon McKinstry of Baroda and Frederick McKinstry of Florida.

35 years ago – 1980

The new Orchards Mall was a magnet during the week before Christmas by attracting people

who shop outside Berrien County. The survey also reported that 87.7 percent of shoppers interviewed at the Orchards live in the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph market area in which the Orchards is the closest mall.

The village of Lawton has hired Thomas Verburg of Mattawan as a full-time police officer, Police Committee Chairman Russell Hackenburg told the village council Tuesday night.

50 years ago – 1965

A special plaque has been awarded to Coloma High School for a fifth-place performance in the recent nationwide Latin testing program of 1964. The high school scored the fifth highest in the nation to win the plaque. This is the seventh year that Coloma has offered Latin.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 2014. There are eight days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Dec. 23, 1954, the first successful human kidney transplant took place at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston as a surgical team led by Dr. Joseph Murray removed a kidney from 23-year-old Ronald Herrick and implanted it in Herrick's twin brother, Richard, who was dying of chronic nephritis. (Because the donor and recipient were identical twins, tissue rejection was not an issue. Richard Herrick lived until 1962; Ronald Herrick died in 2010.)

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area "not exceeding ten miles square" for the seat of the national government; about 2/3 of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1823, the poem "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel; the verse, more popularly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was later attributed to Clement C. Moore.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt restored the civil rights of about 1,500 people who'd been jailed for opposing the (First) World War.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

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and because of his health issues, fell behind on his property taxes.

Another woman (who didn't wish to be identified) said she and her husband fell behind on their taxes because several of the household's major appliances broke down at once, including the pump for their well.

"It's been one thing after another," she said. "I really appreciate him helping us."

Witkowski said the county doesn't want to be the biggest landowner in the county and would prefer to work with people who are behind on property taxes.

He said about 80 percent of the people working out payment plans are homesteads, with the rest rentals and businesses. He said many are senior citizens who have lived in their homes for decades and own the house.

The reasons people fall behind on taxes are numerous. Divorce, illness and the loss of a job are just some, Witkowski said.

"I think the biggest challenge (with senior citizens) is that they fall behind because of medical expenses," he said.

Witkowski said the county begins foreclosure proceedings after taxes haven't been paid three years in a row. The process starts March 1 every year.

Helping people stay in their homes also benefits the county, he said.

The 100 people who have set up payment plans since the story ran Dec. 4 are paying almost \$33,000 a month to the county.

Witkowski said that's in addition to the 30 payment plans he already had on the books. Overall, he said the county receives about \$37,000 a month from properties in payment plans.

He added that the phone calls are still coming in, with four people Monday expressing interest in payment plans.

Two bills approved Dec. 18 by the state Legislature and sitting on Gov. Rick Snyder's desk will help give people behind on paying their property taxes some relief, Witkowski said.

He said the bills will allow counties to lower the interest charged on delinquent properties from 18 percent to 6 percent.

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5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					
Rain Likely 48°	Rain Likely 39°	Rain/Snow 40° / 33°	Cloudy 38° / 32°	Isolated Rain 42° / 29°	Snow Possible 32° / 23°

Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of rain, high temperature of 48°, humidity of 71%. Southeast wind 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of rain, overnight low of 39°. South wind 10 mph.

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday
Temperature
High 37°
Low 27°
Normal High 33°
Normal Low 21°
Record High 58° in 1957
Record Low -5° in 2000
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 0.54"
Normal month to date 1.99"
Year to date 25.65"
Normal year to date 36.32"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 8:12 a.m.
Sunset 5:18 p.m.
Moonrise 9:14 a.m.
Moonset 7:35 p.m.

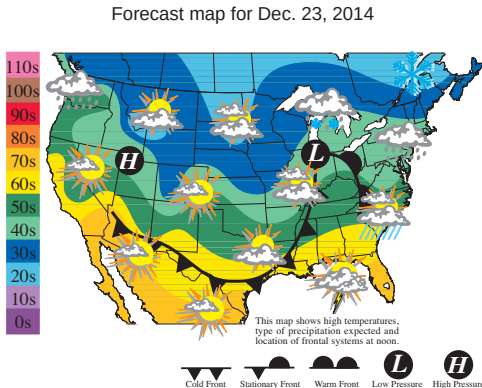

Air Quality

Yesterday 42
Main Offender Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.
0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

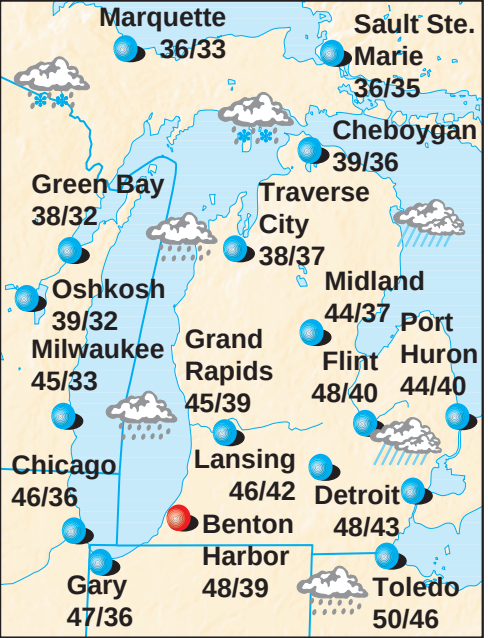
Weather Trivia

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?
Answer: In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

National Weather Map



Regional Map



Lake Michigan

Today, southeast winds to 30 kt becoming south 15 to 25 kt. Chance of rain. Waves 5 to 8 ft occasionally to 10 ft subsiding to 4 to 7 ft occasionally to 9 ft in the afternoon. Water temperature 36 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the mid-30s. East wind 15 mph. Skies will remain cloudy Wednesday with isolated rain and snow, highs in the mid-30s.

Lower Peninsula

Today we will see cloudy skies with scattered rain, highs in the mid-40s. South southwest wind 15 to 17 mph. Skies will remain cloudy Wednesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the low 40s.

Railroads seek 1-person freight train crews

By JOSH FUNK

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — When American freight trains delivered cargo after World War II, the steam-belching beasts commonly had seven people aboard — an engineer, a conductor, up to four brakemen and a fireman.

Trains have since grown much longer, seemingly stretching to the horizon and often taking 20 minutes to pass through a crossing. And crews have been reduced in size — to five people in the 1970s and two in 1991. Now U.S. railroads want to put a single person in charge of today's huge locomotives, taking another step toward a future in which the nation's rail-cargo system increasingly could resemble toy train sets — highly mechanized networks run by computers or distant controllers.

For the moment, freight trains generally have two people aboard — an engineer who drives the train and a conductor who oversees the long line of cars. Railroad executives want to reduce that to a lone engineer, saying advances in safety systems, including a new automatic braking system under development, could minimize risks.

But labor groups and people who live near rail lines are skeptical.

"These trains are 7,000 tons going 50 mph. You have to have two people," said J.P. Wright, an engineer for CSX railroad in Louisville, Kentucky. "It's mindboggling to me that the railroads would go this far with it."

The mayor of the Chicago suburb of Barrington asks how one person could split a stopped train to allow traffic and first responders through in the event of an emergency.

"There may be technology to compensate for some of it, but I would have questions," Karen Darch said.

The one-person crew idea is being pitched at a time when railroads are working to increase train length because delivering more cars usually is more profitable, and they're working to expand capacity to handle even more freight as the economy improves.

Federal regulators have pushed back against the proposal, saying they may require two-person crews.

The Association of American Railroads trade group says accident data does not support requiring two-person crews. It has opposed any effort by the government to prohibit one-person trains.

During a cross-country rail journey, the engineer is at the train's controls. The conductor is responsible for the cars behind the locomotive, communicating

with dispatchers and providing a second set of monitoring eyes.

Labor groups and regulators argue single-person crews, even with the new braking system called "positive train control," would make trains more prone to accidents.

"We're transporting chlorine through your town in the middle of the night completely fatigued with the possibility that the computer is going to make a mistake," said Wright, a third-generation railroader and co-chairman of the advocacy group Railroad Workers United.

The National Transportation Safety Board says more than two dozen train crashes since 2004 could have been prevented by positive train control, which was required by a 2008 law approved after a commuter train collided head-on with a freight train near Los Angeles, killing 25 and injuring more than 100.

ing more than 100.

The system is aimed at preventing human error by using GPS, wireless radio and computers to monitor train position and speed. It can stop trains from colliding, derailling because of excessive speed, entering track under maintenance or traveling the wrong direction because of switching mistakes.

Congress set a 2015 deadline for having the system in place, but it won't be ready by then. Railroads blame technical challenges and problems getting regulatory approval for thousands of antennas needed to make it work.

The major railroads appear committed to making one-person crews a reality. They declared in 2004 that they wanted to negotiate a nationwide pact for one-person crews, but courts ruled each railroad had to negotiate individually with its unions.

LAWSUIT

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but not provided with the results before going home with his mother, Tammy Lorenzo, on Nov. 7, according to the suit.

He was taken to the emergency room at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Ind., on Nov. 9 where he was admitted to intensive care and underwent four brain surgeries by Dec. 2.

Burt was later treated at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan and has gradually improved, said Sean Drew, the plaintiff's attorney in the federal lawsuit.

"After six months he

could ambulate but could not be left alone," Drew said. "Since then he's cognitively improved somewhat."

Burt is able to work in a maintenance job in South Bend, Drew said, but medical experts have concluded he suffered a permanent cognitive loss.

While Burt was given Tylenol for pain during the first part of his jail sentence, Drew said, he did not get antibiotics that likely would have stopped the infection that spread from his middle ear to the mastoid and then his brain cavity.

"Five dollars worth of pills would have solved the whole lawsuit," he said.

Early in 2013, the county privatized medical care for

jail inmates, hiring Correctional Healthcare Services.

"As a resident of Berrien County, I hope some changes are made at the jail and health care," Drew said. "I would hope these type of events can be avoided."

Bailey said the county is diligent in providing care for inmates, spending more than \$300,000 a year for hospital treatment alone.

"We see thousands of people each year in our medical department," Bailey said. "People have got to understand we get people at their worst times, an alcoholic going through withdrawal, drug addicts."

Lorenzo, Burt's legal guardian, filed suit in April 2010. The plaintiffs were

represented by Drew, of Niles, and St. Joseph attorney Michael Marrs.

Under the settlement, approved Monday by U.S. District Court Judge Janet Neff, two physicians who provided inmate care in 2007 through a contract with the county, Dr. Christopher Prince and Dr. Robert Stephen, are each to pay \$25,000.

Berrien County defendants who remain in the suit are to pay \$1,015,000 and to purchase a \$450,000 annuity for Burt. The annuity has a guaranteed payout totaling \$1.16 million through 2056.

According to the settlement order, the gross value, including future payments from the annuity, totals

\$2,231,613.

The county contends that during his incarceration, Burt was seen on multiple occasions by doctors.

After Burt was released, tests at Lakeland revealed a serious medical condition but he did not seek further treatment at the hospital or go to another facility for several days, the county said in a news release.

Burt's claims against the county were settled rather than risk the uncertainty of a jury trial and possible uninsured financial liability to the county, officials said. The county's liability carrier is Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association.

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TEDDY BEARS

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bears. But Lull said they will receive the gifts, as will kids who come to the emergency department, the surgical wing and the maternity ward.

The toys will bring much-needed comfort during a scary, stressful time, Lull said.

"They need to feel control. They need to cling to something that is theirs," Lull said of children who come to the hospital. "It

allows them to feel protective. It makes them feel better and it adds to the healing environment."

Taking home a new friend will hopefully give them good memories about their hospital stay, as well, she added.

Daigle, who has worked in 12 states, started Bears in the Air in 1997 in Wisconsin with his wife, Marcia, and son Mike. Since that time, they have distributed more than 10,000 bears.

He came to the South Bend airport three years

ago and brought Bears in the Air with him.

Going over 1,000 bears this year allowed them to include Lakeland. Bears were also brought to Memorial Children's Hospital and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Erin Gerard, public relations specialist at Lakeland, said the hospital learned last week that the bears were on their way. She said the donation was quite unexpected, which "makes it even more exciting."

BLOOD PRESSURE

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rare cases it can cause headaches or vomiting, the CDC says. That's why hypertension is widely known as "the silent killer."

There are two components of a blood pressure reading. The systolic number, or top number, measures the pressure inside the arteries when the heart muscle contracts; the diastolic number, on the bottom, measures the

pressure in the arteries when the muscle is resting between heartbeats.

The task force defined normal blood pressure as anything up to 130/85 mm Hg, although the CDC and the American Heart Association use a cutoff of 120/80 mm Hg.

People in the range of 130 to 139 mm HG systolic and 88 to 89 mm HG diastolic were defined as having "high normal blood pressure," and those exceeding 140/90 mm HG were considered hypertensive.

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Michigan State
bounces back
with win
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SAC drive times
aren't
the only
concern in
Hartford

Geographical arguments are falling a bit short these days in Hartford.

On Thursday night, Hartford school officials were lamenting the growth of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, from 12 to 20 members.

Hartford was one of three districts that voted down the expansion, and the Thursday school board meeting sure seemed to offer up plenty of anger.

It was suggested that Hartford teams may be scheduled to play at Constantine – a SAC newcomer next school year – during a week-night.

Such a trip angered school board members.

According to Google Maps, the most direct route from Hartford to Constantine is 48.7 miles. Granted, that's not like going to next-door schools like Lawrence or Watervliet.

But that doesn't mean every coach and every athlete is going to Constantine on a weekly basis.

Hartford doesn't face current SAC member Martin – 51.3 miles to the northeast – on a weekly basis. The Indians have been making trips up that way since joining the SAC in 2003.

One could wonder about those trips to New Buffalo – 45.1 miles to the southwest – back when Hartford was a member of the Red Arrow Conference. The Red Arrow was a traditional eight-team league back then, meaning there wasn't geographical division play and more trips to New Buffalo than today's Hartford athletes make going to Martin.

The Indians made those trips for 37 years. Where was all this travel concern then?

What about those runs down to the now shuttered Galien High School, 40 miles away from Hartford?

No, this is more than Hartford being grumpy about drive times. This is about not being able to dominate opponents, starting with football.

See, Hartford hasn't exactly gone out of its way to beef up its non-conference football slate in recent years. In fact, reaching the playoffs seems to be the school's only gridiron goal.

Playing SAC newcomers Schoolcraft and Constantine – both on next fall's schedule – probably concerns Hartford, for those are schools the Indians may not be able to beat.

More than one area athletic director has told me that Hartford simply does not want to schedule tough teams, and that's the real reason the Indians voted against SAC expansion.

All those football games against New Buffalo and Galien amounted to 61 victories



Jason Mitchell
Tuesday's Topics

Lions' Raiola suspended for stomp

Veteran center
will miss critical
game at Green Bay

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions will be short-handed when they face Green Bay for the NFC North title.

Lions center Dominic Raiola has been suspended for one game after he stepped on Chicago Bears defensive tackle Ego Ferguson on Sunday. The punishment was handed down by Merton Hanks, the NFL's Vice President of Football Operations. The league said

this was Raiola's sixth rules violation related to player safety since 2010.

Lions players were not available to reporters Monday, and coach Jim Caldwell addressed reporters before the suspension was announced. Even then, Caldwell seemed aware of the possibility.

"I believe what Dom told me, that it was inadvertent, but I could also see why it's obviously being reviewed by the league and everybody is taking a real good look at it," Caldwell said. "You can also see the other side of that as well. There's a league protocol to it, it'll be reviewed and taken a look at. We'll deal with the issues after there's been

some determination here."

Raiola can appeal the suspension.

The Lions clinched a postseason berth Saturday when Washington beat Philadelphia, then Detroit (11-4) struggled through a 20-14 victory at Chicago that left some unanswered questions about how this team measures up against the NFL's best. The Lions are 9-1 against teams with losing records this season, while going 2-3 against teams above .500.

Detroit did beat Green Bay 19-7 back in September. The teams are tied for first heading into next weekend's showdown at Green Bay, where the Lions have not won since 1991.

"I know when we ask a number of our players whether or not they've been in a similar situation as this, the great majority of them are probably going to say no, but there are some guys obviously in the room that have been," Caldwell said.

"It's still great to get an opportunity to be right where we are. We're undefeated in our division. The guys have fought some real battles and have done a tremendous job and we've got a great opportunity ahead of us."

The Lions have won four in a row, and they appeared to have turned a corner offensively when they started that streak by beating Chicago and Tampa Bay by

identical 34-17 scores. But the offense regressed in the next two games — a 16-14 win over Minnesota and Sunday's game at Chicago.

"This is what we play for. We're right there on the doorstep, we have one more task ahead of us and that's to go out next week and get another 'W,'" star receiver Calvin Johnson said. "It's clear to see we have to play better."

Raiola stepped on Ferguson's right ankle while the Chicago lineman was on the ground early in the third quarter. Raiola said after the game it was not intentional, and that he talked to Ferguson and apologized.

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Nam Y. Huh / AP

Chicago quarterback Jimmy Clausen (8) yells after he was tackled by Detroit defensive end Ezekiel Ansah as Detroit's Josh Byrnes (57) looks on in the second half of Sunday's game.

Bears switch back

Cutler returns to
starting QB role
after Clausen injured

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Quarterback Jay Cutler is returning to the Chicago Bears' lineup and will start the final game of the season after Jimmy Clausen suffered a concussion.

The Bears are going back to Cutler for this week's game at Minnesota after benching him for Sunday's loss to Detroit.

Clausen was injured on a helmet-to-helmet hit by Detroit's Ezekiel Ansah while scrambling on Chicago's final drive of Sunday's 20-14 loss. Ansah received an unnecessary roughness penalty.

Coach Marc Trestman would not say Monday if a healthy Clausen would have made another start.

"That's not an issue right now," he said.

The quarterback situation has been a big issue lately after Trestman decided last week to make a change with Cutler leading the league in interceptions (18) and turnovers (24).

It was a surprising move by a team that signed the quarterback to a huge seven-year deal after last season, and it raised big questions about Cutler's future in Chicago.

Then again, no one appears to be safe with the Bears (5-10) missing the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years after opening the season with high expectations.

The future of everyone from general manager Phil Emery to Trestman to the assistant coaches and the players is open for discussion.

"I've been supported by this organization since Day 1, that hasn't changed," said Trestman, who is 13-18 in two seasons.

Clausen, making his first start since he was a rookie with Carolina in 2010, played turnover-free ball until a late interception. He completed 23 of 39 passes for 181 yards.

The Bears said Clausen was monitored by the team's medical staff and the NFL's concussion monitor and showed no signs of a concussion immediately after the hit or on the final four plays of the drive. The team said he was checked on the sideline and after the game

and passed all tests.

The Bears said Clausen started having issues in the evening and was taken to a hospital, where he was examined by a team doctor and diagnosed.

Asked about the severity of the concussion and why Clausen was ruled out this early in the week, Trestman said, "I can't say that. I know that each and every situation is dealt with independently. Doctors said that it would be best that he not play."

Trestman was also asked if he considered starting rookie David Fales against the Vikings.

"Jay gives us the best chance this week," Trestman said. "And so that's why. That's why he'll be out there. And Dave will be in the backup role."

Trestman might have to do some relationship mending with Cutler.

The quarterback acknowledged last week that he was taken aback by the change. He also said at the time that he could play for Trestman next season, although some repair work to their relationship would be necessary.

"I believe that Jay can

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Struggling Pistons
waive Josh Smith

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Stan Van Gundy kept Detroit's awkward core of frontcourt players together during his first offseason as team president, hoping the Pistons would show signs of improvement without any drastic moves.

Now Detroit is 5-23. Time for a shake-up.

The Pistons waived forward Josh Smith, less than halfway through the lucrative four-year contract he signed before the 2013-14 season. Van Gundy, who is also Detroit's coach, said he wants to develop younger players.

"If we were 12-16 or 10-18, we probably wouldn't be here," Van Gundy said. "We're 5-23. That calls, in every respect, for some adjustment. Some things had to be different."

Smith signed a \$54 million, four-year deal with the Pistons before last season, but he shot only 42 percent from the field in 2013-14. This season, Smith is at 39 percent.

The 29-year-old forward's poor perimeter shooting has been a problem for Detroit, but he does fill up the stat sheet. He's averaging 7.2 rebounds and a career-best 4.7 assists per game this season.

Van Gundy wants to add just offensive roles, and it would have been hard to do that with Smith remaining such a focal point.

"He's taking the most shots, he's a high-assist guy. He's got the ball in his hands a lot," Van Gundy said. "We would have had to have reduced his role offensively. I don't think he

would have been happy with that at this point in his career. I don't think it necessarily would have been fair to him."

The Pistons signed Smith as part of Joe Dumars' final offseason in charge of basketball operations. When that busy offseason didn't result in a playoff berth, Detroit brought in Van Gundy to replace Dumars and also coach the team.

The frontcourt mix of Smith, Greg Monroe and Andre Drummond looks good on paper, but the team has lacked on-court chemistry. Monroe, who can become an unrestricted free agent next offseason, has started only 14 games in 2014-15.

Monroe and point guard Brandon Jennings both said they were caught off guard by the news of Smith's departure.

"This is definitely the most surprising thing that's happened since I've been in the league," Monroe said.

That's saying something, since the Pistons have lacked stability throughout Monroe's career. They fired coach Maurice Cheeks in February, before he had a chance to finish his first season at the helm.

The Pistons have not made the playoffs since 2009.

Van Gundy said the stretch provision of the collective bargaining agreement will help Detroit's salary cap situation: the Pistons can stretch out Smith's remaining salary over a longer period of time to reduce the annual cap hit. Van Gundy said

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Jason DeCrow / AP

Detroit's Josh Smith (6) shoots against the Brooklyn Nets during the third quarter of Sunday's game.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Boys standings			
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
West Division			
Div	Overall		
Benton Harbor	1-0	3-0	
Lakeshore	1-0	3-1	
Port. Northern	1-0	2-1	
Niles	0-1	2-1	
St. Joseph	0-1	2-2	
Port. Central	0-1	1-3	
East Division			
Kal. Central	2-0	4-0	
Mattawan	1-0	2-1	
Kal. Loy Norrix	1-1	2-2	
BC Central	0-1	0-3	
BC Lakeview	0-1	0-3	
Gull Lake	0-1	0-4	

WOLVERINE West Division			
Div	Overall		
Paw Paw	2-0	3-1	
Dowagiac	1-1	3-1	
Edwardsburg	1-1	2-1	
South Haven	1-1	2-2	
Coloma	1-1	2-3	
Berrien Springs	0-2	0-4	

East Division			
Div	Overall		
Vicksburg	2-0	3-1	
Plainwell	2-0	3-1	
Osgeo	1-1	4-1	
Three Rivers	1-1	1-3	
Sturgis	0-2	1-2	
Allegan	0-2	0-4	

BCS West Division			
Div	Overall		
Lake Mich. Catholic	1-0	3-0	
Buchanan	1-0	2-1	
Bridgman	1-0	3-1	
New Buffalo	0-1	1-2	
Brandywine	0-2	2-2	

East Division			
Div	Overall		
Mendon	1-0	3-1	
Cassopolis	1-0	2-2	
Centreville	0-0	1-2	
White Pigeon	0-1	1-2	
Bronson	0-1	0-2	

RED ARROW Conf			
Div	Overall		
Lake Mich. Catholic	2-0	3-0	
Countryside	2-1	2-1	
Howardsville Christian	1-0	2-2	
Eau Claire	0-0	2-0	
Michigan Lutheran	0-0	1-1	
River Valley	0-1	0-3	
Grace Christian	0-3	0-4	

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE North Division			
Div	Overall		
Fennville	1-0	4-1	
Saugatuck	1-0	3-1	
Gobles	1-0	2-2	
Bangor	0-1	2-2	
Martin	0-1	1-3	
Bloomington	0-1	0-3	

South Division			
Div	Overall		
Lawrence	1-0	3-0	
Marcellus	1-0	2-2	
Watervliet	1-0	1-4	
Decatur	0-1	1-3	
Hartford	0-1	1-3	
Lawton	0-1	0-3	

INDEPENDENT			
Overall			
Covert	0-2		
Dream Academy	0-1		

Girls standings			
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
West Division			
Div	Overall		
Lakeshore	2-0	4-1	
Benton Harbor	2-0	4-2	
St. Joseph	1-1	3-2	
Port. Northern	1-1	1-3	
Niles	0-2	2-3	
Port. Central	0-2	0-6	
East Division			
Kal. Central	2-0	4-0	
Gull Lake	2-0	4-2	
Mattawan	1-1	3-1	
BC Lakeview	1-1	2-2	
BC Central	0-2	2-4	
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-2	1-4	

WOLVERINE West Division			
Div	Overall		
Paw Paw	3-0	4-2	
South Haven	3-0	4-2	
Berrien Springs	2-1	3-3	
Dowagiac	1-2	1-5	
Edwardsburg	0-3	0-6	
Coloma	0-3	0-6	

East Division			
Div	Overall		
Plainwell	3-0	6-0	
Vicksburg	2-1	4-1	
Osgeo	2-1	4-2	
Sturgis	1-2	2-2	
Three Rivers	1-2	2-2	
Allegan	0-3	2-4	

BCS West Division			
Div	Overall		
Brandywine	3-0	5-0	
Lake Mich. Catholic	1-1	4-1	
Buchanan	1-1	4-1	
Bridgman	0-1	1-3	
New Buffalo	0-2	1-4	

East Division			
Div	Overall		
White Pigeon	2-0	4-1	
Bronson	1-0	5-0	
Centreville	0-0	3-1	
Mendon	0-1	1-4	
Cassopolis	0-2	1-4	

RED ARROW Conf			
Div	Overall		
Lake Mich. Catholic	2-0	4-1	
Michigan Lutheran	2-0	2-1	
Grace Christian	1-0	1-2	
Eau Claire	1-2	1-3	
River Valley	1-2	1-3	
Countryside	0-3	0-3	

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Bangor	0-2	2-3	
Martin	0-2	2-3	
Bloomington	0-2	1-4	

South Division			
Div	Overall		
Decatur	2-0	6-0	
Watervliet	2-0	4-1	
Hartford	1-1	2-3	
Lawrence	1-1	2-3	
Lawton	0-2	0-5	
Marcellus	0-2	0-6	

INDEPENDENT			
Overall			
Dream Academy	0-1		

BENTON HARBOR 69, MISH. MARIAN 62

BENTON HARBOR (69)
Kyrse Gondrezick 9 4-8 23, Kalabrya Gondrezick 8 5-7 22, Sherry Walls 4 0-0 10, Dennee Brown 5 0-2 10, Gabby Dortch 2 0-0 4, Totals 28 9-17 69
MISHAWAKA MARIAN (62)
Sarah Hansen 1 0-0 2, Savanna Denny 2 0-4, Libby Priller 4 1-1 9, Gretta Meixel 1 4-5 6, Meghan Urbanski 4 2 3 11, Anna Bernard 7 1-2 15, Totals: 21 3 4-11 11-14
B. Harbor 28 14 12 15 — 69
Marian 17 11 11 21 — 62
3-point goals — BH 4, MM 3. Fouls — BN 12, MM 15. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — BH (Dortch) 10, Ky. Gondrezick 8, Ka. Gondrezick 6, Brown 6, Walls 3, Assists — BH (Ka. Gondrezick 8, Ky. Gondrezick 3, Brown 3), Steals — BH (Ka. Gondrezick 8, Ky. Gondrezick 3). Record — Benton Harbor 4-2.

Monday's Scores

BOYS
Bay City All Saints 57, Saginaw Nouvel 54
Brown City 47, Deckerville 32
Holland 85, Flint International 41
Houghton 64, West Iron County 24
Kalamazoo Homeschool 66, Mendon 23
Millington 101, Reese 76
Tontoshna 69, Calhoun Christian 18
Eatons Rapids 63, Jackson East Jackson 27
GIRLS
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Tournament
Benton Harbor 69, Mishawaka Marian 62
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 36, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 21

NFL

All Times EST									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	459	296			
Miami	8	7	0	.533	364	336			
Buffalo	8	7	0	.533	326	280			
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y-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	431	359			
Houston	8	7	0	.533	349	290			
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	232	389			
Tennessee	2	13	0	.133	244	411			
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x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	409	351			
Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	389	292			
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	289	317			
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y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	407	303			
San Diego	9	6	0	.600	341	329			
Kansas City	8	7	0	.533	334	274			
Oakland	3	12	0	.200	239	405			

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Washington	4	11	0	.267	284	394			
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Carolina	6	8	1	.433	305	371			
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	378	383			
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	378	404			
Tampa Bay	2	13	0	.133	257	387			
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x-Detroit	11	4	0	.733	301	252			
x-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	456	328			
Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	312	334			
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	310	429			
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San Francisco	7	8	0	.467	286	323			
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Carolina 17, Cleveland 13									
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Pittsburgh 20, Kansas City 12									
New England 17, N.Y. Jets 16									
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Seattle 35, Arizona 6									

Monday's Game									
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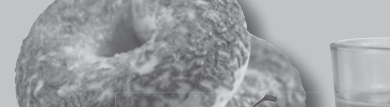
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Indiana	9	19	.321	9½
Detroit	5	23	.179	13½



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PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING DEC. 23							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shrek the Halls	Toy Story	The Year: 2014 Guests reflect on the events of 2014. (N) [66]			
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Entertainment Ton.	NCIS "Homesick" A mysterious illness.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Big Brother"		:01 NCIS: New Orleans "The Recruits"	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Access Hollyw'd	One Direction: The TV Special (N) [66]		Michael Bublé's Christmas		Kelly Clarkson's Music Tale	
FOX (17)(28)(32)	Modern Family	New Girl	Mindy Project	New Girl	Mindy Project	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) [66]	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Sacred Journeys With Bruce Feiler (N)		Sacred Journeys With Bruce Feiler (N)		Frontline (Part 1 of 2) [66] (DVS)	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The Flash A bomb goes off downtown.		Supernatural "Ask Jeeves" [66]		News	Seinfeld [66]
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Disciple"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]		Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	House of Payne	House of Payne	We There Yet?	We There Yet?	Family Guy	Raising Hope
WHME (46)	M*A*S*H (46)	André Rieu: Home for the Holidays		The Harvest Show News and music.		Paid Program	Joyce Meyer
WSBT (22)	:00 WSBT News at 7	ES.TV [66]	ES.TV [66]	Dr. Phil A woman with an online fiancé.		News	Dish Nation (N)
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars [66]	
AMC	:00 [66] *** The Santa Clause 2 ('02, Comedy) Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell. [66]			[66] *** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ('92, Comedy) [66]			
Animal	North-	North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law	
BET	[66] * Obsessed ('09, Suspense) Idris Elba. [66]			Nellyville (N) [66]			
Big Ten	College Basketball			BTN Live		BTN Live	
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Real Housewives/ Beverly		:01 Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce (N)	
Cartoon	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	American	American
Cinemax	We're the Millers			[66] *** Dallas Buyers Club ('13) Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner. [66]			[66] *** Inside Man ('06) [66]
CMT	Raising	[66] *** Stand by Me ('86) Wil Wheaton. [66]					Cops Rel.
CNBC	The Profit	Shark Tank [66]		Shark Tank [66]		Shark Tank [66]	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight (N)	
Comedy	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
CSNC	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Wizards			Postgame		Bears Classic	
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) [66]		Moonshiners Tickle has his hands full. (N)		Moonshiners "Christmas Shine" [66]	
Disney	Girl	Good Luck Charlie		Shake It		Girl [66]	
DIY	Ren.	Holmes Makes		Holmes Makes		Holmes Makes	
E!	E! News	[66] *** Ocean's Twelve ('04) George Clooney, Brad Pitt.					
Encore	The Lone Ranger	Broken Trail (ITV) (Part 1 of 2) [66]			:35 Broken Trail (ITV) (Part 2 of 2) [66]		
ESPN	College Football: Boca Raton Bowl			College Football			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPN3	Shorts	30 for 30 [66]			SEC Storied [66]		
Family	:00 [66] *** Home Alone ('90) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.	[66] *** The Polar Express ('04, Fantasy) Voices of Tom Hanks, Michael Jeter.					
Food	Chopped	Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Chopped (N)	
Fox News	Record	The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey	Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings.				Red Wings Live (N)	
FX	Mike & Molly	[66] ** Christmas With the Kranks ('04, Comedy) Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis.			[66] ** Christmas With the Kranks ('04)		
G4	Soup	Soup	Soup	Wrecking	Wrecking	Wrecking	Wrecking
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf WGC Cadillac Championship, Final Round.						
Hallmark	Brid-Christmas	[66] *** A Boyfriend for Christmas ('04) Kelli Williams, Patrick Muldoon.			[66] Window Wonderland ('13)		
HBO	:00 [66] Hello Ladies: The Movie ('14)	[66] ** Divergent ('14) Shailene Woodley. A young woman discovers a plot to destroy those like her. [66]					
History	Oak Is	The Curse of		The Curse of		:03 Pawn Stars	
HGTV	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Hunters [66]	
Learning	Couple	Couple	Couple	Couple	Couple	Risking It All (N)	
Lifetime	Under	[66] Dear Santa ('11) Amy Acker. [66]			Home by Christmas		
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		Real World		Real World	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Total Access		NFL Replay (N)			
Nick	Fairly	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		The Pioneers (N)	
Oxygen	BGC: Redemption	Bad Girls Club: Redemption (N)		My Crazy Love (N)	Bad Girls Club: Redemption	BGC: Redemption	
Showtime	:00 Homeland	The Affair [66]		Inside the NFL (N) [66]		Homeland Carrie and Saul investigate.	
Spike	Ink Mas	Ink Master [66]		Ink Master [66]		Ink Master (N) [66]	
Starz	6:25 [66] *** The Da Vinci Code ('06) Tom Hanks. iTV. [66]	The Missing (iTV) [66]		:05 The Missing (iTV) [66]			
SyFy	CSI: Cri. Scene	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
TBS	Seinfeld [66]	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ground Floor (N)	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Finian's Rainbow	[66] *** King of Kings ('61, Historical Drama) Jeffrey Hunter, Siobhan McKenna. Orson Welles narrates the story of Jesus. [66]					
TMC	6:45 [66] *** Welcome to the Punch	:25 [66] *** The Face of Love ('13) Annette Bening. [66]			[66] * Love Ranch ('10) Helen Mirren. [66]		
TNT	:00 Bones	Bones [66]		Bones [66]		CSI: NY [66]	
Travel	Hotel	Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods	
TV Land	Walker, Tex. Ranger	FamFeud		FamFeud	Raymond	Barbara Walters	
USA	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Benched (N)	:31 Benched
VH1	Sorority	Love & Hip Hop		Bye Felicia! (N)		Suave	Hip Hop
WGN-A	Santa Paws	:04 [66] *** The Muppet Christmas Carol ('92, Fantasy) Michael Caine. [66]			:08 [66] Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups		

Vasectomy reversal can be possible

DEAR DOCTOR K: I had a vasectomy many years ago. I've since remarried, and my new wife wants to have children. Can my vasectomy be reversed?

DEAR READER: A vasectomy is a minor surgical procedure that is done to make a man sterile (unable to father children).

Normally, sperm – the male reproductive cells that fertilize a woman's egg – are made in the testicle. Sperm travel away from the testicle through a tube called the vas deferens. There are two vas deferens, one for each testicle on each side. The vas deferens connect with a reservoir where the sperm is held, ready to be ejaculated during sex. The sperm also mixes with secretions from the prostate gland that keep the sperm alive. When the sperm is ejaculated, it travels through another tube, the urethra, inside the penis.

A vasectomy cuts or blocks the vas deferens. Once the vas deferens are cut or blocked, sperm cannot pass from the testicle to the reservoir where semen and secretions from the prostate gland are stored.

During ejaculation, this sperm-

containing fluid is ejected through the penis during orgasm. After a vasectomy, a man continues to have normal ejaculations of semen, but the ejaculate no longer contains sperm. (I've put an illustration showing the path of sperm

before and after a vasectomy on my website, AskDoctorK.com.)

In a traditional vasectomy, the surgeon uses a scalpel to make small incisions in the skin of the scrotum near the base of the penis. (The scrotum is the fleshy sac that contains the testicles.) The incisions allow the surgeon to reach the vas deferens in each testicle. The vas deferens are cut or blocked to prevent sperm from traveling. The surgeon may cut the vas deferens and tie the ends, burn the tubes with a hot tool, or block them with surgical clips. The incisions in the scrotum are then closed with two or three small stitches.

The other surgical option, no-scalpel vasectomy, is less invasive. Only tiny incisions are needed. The surgeon makes one or two



Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Man on the verge of divorce can't seem to seal the deal

DEAR ABBY: I am three years into a relationship with Harold, a man who is separated but not divorced. We both have grown children. Harold was separated when we got involved. He has since moved in with me and is an active bill-paying member of the home.

I was also separated from a brief marriage when we met, and divorced shortly after we started dating. My assumption was that Harold would also be divorcing. As of now, the paperwork remains partially filled out, but no legal proceedings have begun.

I hate this.

I have talked to him about it many times, so he knows my feelings. I'm at the "do it or leave" point, but can't seem to get over the hump. I do not plan on marrying – I just want him to be divorced. What should I do? – Looking For Legality in Washington

DEAR LOOKING: When you became involved with Harold, did he tell you he was planning on divorcing his wife? There could be reasons why he hasn't gone through with finalizing it. One of them could be religious; another might be financial.

A third, the fear that his relationship with his children – and grandchildren, if there are any – will be permanently damaged.

Or, that marrying you wasn't his objective in the first place, and your saying you didn't want to remarry made you more attractive to him.

If remarriage isn't your goal, why is his finalizing his divorce so important to you? Before you issue an ultimatum, it's crucial that you understand the answer to this question. After that, you will know what – or what not – to do.

DEAR ABBY: I have an 11-month-old son. When I was pregnant, I felt I had a great relationship with my mom.

She seemed excited about becoming a grandma for the first time, but once my son was born she stayed away for two weeks. When she finally came over, it was only because she happened to be in town for a meeting.

When we met for lunch, she seemed uncomfortable around

punctures to access the vas deferens. The puncture is widened slightly, then the surgeon cuts or blocks each vas deferens. The puncture site can be covered with a tiny dressing. No stitches are needed.

A vasectomy is intended to produce permanent sterilization. Special microsurgery can reverse a vasectomy and restore fertility in some cases. But there are no guarantees that fertility or vasectomy reversal will be successful. Vasectomy reversal is a delicate, expensive procedure. And it is only successful in about 60 to 70 percent of cases.

Why would a man want to reverse a vasectomy? Often, a man and woman have fathered all the children they want to have, but want to continue to have sex. So a vasectomy is performed. But then the situation changes. The couple separates, for whatever reason, and the man's new partner wants to have children. Fortunately, most of the time, the new couple can get their wish.

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the baby. I feel hurt that she doesn't seem "into" him or being a grandma. I'm sad she's missing out on so much, but I don't know if I should tell her how I feel. I don't want her to change only because I said something. I'd like her to want to visit.

Should I say something to her, or let it be and continue feeling resentment toward her? – Disappointed New Mom

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Please try to curb your resentment until after you have discussed this with your mother, which is necessary in light of the fact that you have always had a good relationship with her.

In the weeks after your son was born, she may have been trying to give you space and time to bond with your newborn.

She may also be busy, or uncomfortable around babies and toddlers who can't yet communicate.

Believe it or not, some people – even grandparents – feel that way, although they are hesitant to admit it.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Grass-skirt dance

5 Science room

8 Rough file

12 ISU location

13 Bravo, in Barcelona

14 Jazzy Fitzgerald

15 Trellises

17 Billy of "Uptown Girl"

18 Kind of system

19 Bends over

21 Core group

24 Falling out

25 "I — Rock"

26 Muscle injury

30 "So What" singer

32 Gigantic bird of myth

33 Continuously

37 Jeannie portrayed

38 Listener's need

39 Hubby of Lucy

40 Zipper, e.g.

43 Deadly snake

44 Fishtails

46 Dots in the sea

48 The Aloha State

50 Kind of vaccine

51 Obsessed whaler

52 More grasping

57 Churn up

58 Fix a squeak

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60 Be overfond

61 Dock denizen

62 Uh-huh

DOWN

1 "2001" computer

2 Thurman of "Gattaca"

3 Lease

4 Autumn flower

5 Crazy

6 Dark brew

7 Mrs. Trueman

8 Answered back

9 Distant

10 Snoozed

11 Buddies

16 Freezes over

20 Part of TNT

21 Promontory

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23 Copenhagen native

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29 Farm unit

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36 Tears

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42 Miff

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45 Hold off for

47 Like bubble bath

48 Stony

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50 Fuzzy fabric

53 Estuary

54 Vexation

55 Depot info

56 Cheer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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ATBIH

PYSMIK

IDRONO

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EVOKE RAYON FELONY HERMIT Answer: Business was good, but the policeman only wanted to — FINE ART

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That's a big skull.

I wish I could ask him about his life.

THE ARCHAEOLOGIST WISHED THE CAVEMAN WAS STILL ALIVE SO HE COULD —

KAKURO

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle

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10:00am – Worship

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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
Success is right around the corner, and you will be able to step into a position of authority this year. Minimizing your weak areas and maximizing your strong points will let everyone see how much you have to offer. Make your next move and live your dream.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Make a point to network and keep in touch with important people. Offer assistance to a close friend or relative. A revealing secret will give you insight that will help you make a big decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
You'll feel apprehensive about getting together with old friends. Stop having regrets about your past. People love you for who you are. Stand tall and be proud.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Not everything will go according to plan. You will have to take things as they come. If you don't overreact to minor matters, you will avoid retaliation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You will find the perfect gift for someone special. Don't waste time asking for other people's opinions. Rely on your own judgment for the most success and satisfaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Don't worry if you can't complete your whole shopping list. It's not about how much you give or spend, it's about the love and sincerity that you offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
A blossoming partnership will bring you happiness. You will be greatly appreciated if you use your unique talents to make family or workplace gatherings a big hit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You will leave a lasting impression if you devote your time to someone elderly or lonely. Before you travel, finish your chores so you will not have to deal with such matters when you return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Generosity at this time of year is not about spending money. You will grab attention if you contribute your ideas, time and effort to a cause you believe in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
All the hustle and bustle will try your patience. Short tempers can lead to hurtful arguments, so it's wise to go off by yourself, where you can reflect on what's truly important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your charisma and charm will make you the center of attention. Host a family party or neighborhood gathering. You have the ability to make everyone feel important and at ease.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Now is a great time to reconnect with people you don't see often. Get out and socialize as much as you can, but take care not to overindulge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Family dynamics will become strained if you put demands on the ones you love. Sightseeing or a shopping excursion will take your mind off troublesome situations at home or work.

170 Million

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115 Million

Readers who make newspapers an important part of their Sunday tradition.